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Week Ahead – February 16, 2014

Celebrate Black History Month in Petersburg – See Attached Event Schedule

Petersburg City Government Offices Closed – February 17

Petersburg City Government offices will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Washington’s Birthday. Offices will reopen at regular hours of operation on Tuesday, February 18.

Petersburg City Council Meeting – February 18

Petersburg City Council will meeting on Tuesday, February 18 at Union Station, 103 River Street. Closed session is at 6:30pm and the regular meeting begins at 7:30pm. For information, contact the Clerk of Council: njackson@petersburg-va.org. To view the agenda packet, visit www.petersburgva.gov.

Personal Property & Real Estate Taxes

The first half of 2014 Personal Property Taxes are due on Friday, February 28. All of the vehicles that you own as of January 1, 2014 are listed on one bill this year. **If you have a discrepancy on your bill, please contact the Commissioner of Revenue’s Office at (804) 733-2315.** Citizens will need to pay for all vehicles on their bill, and will have to pay the full year’s taxes on all vehicles in order to receive a City Decal. Any Personal Property Tax payment paid online or at one of our designated SunTrust Bank locations or any of our 3 drop box locations or postmarked by the Post Office on February 28, will be considered current. All other payments will be considered delinquent and incur 10% penalty and 10% APR interest on March 1. Current 3rd quarter real estate tax bills of tax year 2013/2014 have been mailed to property owners and/or mortgage companies. All 3rd quarter real estate tax bills are due on 3/31/2014. Any Real Estate Tax payment paid online or at one of our designated SunTrust Bank locations or any of our 3 drop box locations or postmarked by the Post Office on March 31, will be considered current. All other payments will be considered delinquent and incur 10% penalty and 10% APR interest on April 1. **PAYMENT OPTIONS** – If you would like to avoid standing in line at the Treasurer’s Office, you may use one of the following payment options:

1. From any computer, you may view; make a credit or debit card payment at <https://www.petersburg-va.com>. There is a 3% convenience fee for all credit and/or debit



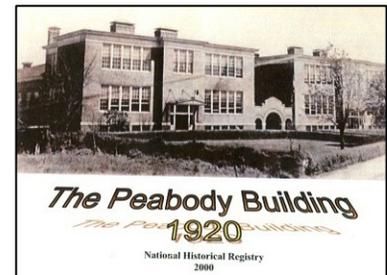
card payments. You will need your account number to pay personal property taxes and your map number is your parcel number that you need to enter to pay real estate taxes.

2. Make a payment at one of the following SunTrust Bank Locations: Fort Lee Branch, 1400 Mahone Avenue, Fort Lee; SouthPark Branch, 360 Charles Dimmock Parkway, Colonial Heights; Walnut Hill Branch, 1941 South Sycamore Street; and the Washington Street Branch, 1340 West Washington Street. YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF YOUR BILL TO THE BRANCH TO HELP PROCESS YOUR PAYMENT!
3. Use our drop boxes, which are located in front of the Petersburg Central Library, 137 South Sycamore Street, Rodof Sholom Branch, 1865 South Sycamore Street, or City Hall, 135 North Union Street.
4. You may mail a payment to us at P.O. Box 1271, Petersburg, VA 23804.

Late payments are charged 10% penalty plus 10% APR interest. FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE YOUR PAYMENT OBLIGATION OR EXCUSE PENALTIES. If you need a copy of a tax bill, please call (804) 733-2322 or email citytreas@petersburg-va.org.

Peabody High School (1870 – 1970) Exhibit – Now through March 14

In celebration of Black History month, Peabody High School's Alumni Association is featuring an exhibit of historical treasures in the Gallery at the Siege Museum, 15 West Bank Street through Friday, March 14. Opened in January 1870, Peabody was first located in First Baptist Church on Harrison Street. In 1873, the Board of Education purchased land on the corner of Harrison and Fillmore Street to build a new high school. The new school was completed in 1874 and became the first public high school established for African Americans in Virginia. Alfred Pryor was the first African American to be appointed principal of Peabody High School in 1882. In October 1915, the school was moved to Jones Street. The fourth stage of development for the school began with the purchase of three parcels of land within the boundaries of Wesley, Jones and Federal Streets. The new school opened in September 1951 and was officially named Peabody High School by the School Board. The Siege Museum is open Tuesday – Saturday, from 10:00am – 4:00pm and on Sunday from noon - 4:00 pm. Adults/\$5, seniors and children 12 and over/\$4, children 7 and under and Petersburg residents/free. For additional information, call 804-733-2402.



HIV Testing – February 19

Petersburg Community Corrections and the Minority Health Consortium are partnering to provide FREE HIV testing on Wednesday, February 19 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Petersburg Community Corrections, 20 East Tabb Street, Suite #103. The Minority Health Consortium will provide HIV testing and consultation. This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Nicole Loving at 804-861-4275, ext.100.

Architectural Review Board Meeting – February 19

The Architectural Review Board will meet on Wednesday, February 19 at Union Station, 103 River Street at 7:00pm. For information regarding agenda scheduling and submission requirements, call 804-733-2313. View the agenda at www.petersburgva.gov.

Petersburg Planning Commission Meeting – February 19

The Petersburg Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, February 19 in City Hall Council Chambers, 135 North Union Street (3rd floor) at 7:00pm. For information regarding agenda scheduling and submission requirements, call 804-733-2313. View the agenda at www.petersburgva.gov.

Library Events This Week

Most programs are held at the William R. McKenney Central Library, 137 South Sycamore Street. For additional information, call 804-733-2387.

Thursday, February 20

Noon - *Get Heart Healthy!*

Friday, February 21

Noon – *Yoga*

Saturday, February 22

11:00am - *Get On The Bus/Freedom Riders Tour*. Get on the bus and join us as we visit several historic African American sites in Petersburg. The tour will include lunch and highlights of the movie Freedom Riders. Reserve your spot by Tuesday, February 18.

Tuesday, February 25

6:00pm - *Slavery by Another Name*. Join a panel discussion at Union Train Station. The panel will discuss topics that may be considered a modern form of slavery.

James Saxsmo Gates Jazz Trio Performs - February 20

The James Saxsmo Gates Jazz Trio will perform on Thursday, February 20, beginning at 7:00pm at Union Station, 103 River Street in Old Towne. James “Saxsmo” Gates is one of Richmond’s premier musicians. Saxsmo is a Richmond native and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1978. He attended Virginia State University and later transferred under a full scholarship to the prestigious Berklee College of Music. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Berklee in 1984. Also with a full scholarship he received his Masters in Jazz Studies at North Carolina Central University 2011. Saxsmo is now the Director/Coordinator of the Dr. Billy Taylor Jazz Studies Program at Virginia State University. Saxsmo released his first CD in August 1993 entitled “Yes I Can” and has release his newest CD “C’Mon Over To My House”. Saxsmo’s Brand New Exciting Recording called “It’s Time” on the 804jazz Label featuring the great Fred Wesley has not only made the Smoothjazz.com Top 50 Indie Charts #45 and was also Nominated for this year 2009 Grammy Awards for Best Contemporary Jazz Album of the Year # 43. Saxsmo’s next recording was released January 2, 2013 call “Gates Wide Open” with many of his best friends such as Fred Wesley, Freddie Fox, and Walter Beasley. “Gates Wide Open” made the Soothjazz.com Top 50 Indie Charts #18 and was nominated twice for the 2013 Grammy Awards for Best Arranger and Best Soloist! For more information on the concert, call 804-733-2430.



Available For Adoption

Jasmine is two years old, spayed, micro-chipped and rabies utd. She knows several commands. Petersburg Animal Control has many other nice cats and dogs ready for adoption. Take a look at the Pet Adoption photo album on Petersburg Va Facebook page. For additional information, call 804-732-3654.



Petersburg Farmers Market – Fall/Winter Hours – February 22

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.

Annual Girl Scout Nibblefest – February 22

Petersburg Girl Scouts will join with girls worldwide to say "*education opens doors for all girls and boys*" on Saturday, February 22 for Nibblefest. The event is from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Union Station, 103 River Street. The girls will learn about and present healthy meals that represent the countries of Egypt, Benin, Bangladesh, Armenia and Mali. Taste a Nibble for .25 or 5 nibbles for \$1. Also enjoy Aerobics, Double Dutch and Zumba. For more information, call 804-720-9520.

Rabies Clinic – February 22

There will be a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, February 22 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Robert E. Lee Elementary School, 51 Gibbons Avenue. All dogs must be on a leash and all cats must be in carriers. Each vaccination is \$10. For additional information, call 804-732-3654.

Real Women . . . Real Talk Book Signing – February 22

A book signing of *Real Women...Real Talk* by Paulette Walker Johnson will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 4:30pm at The Globe, 201 North Sycamore Street. There will also be a reading from the book, refreshments and fun at the afternoon event. For more information, call 804-862-3097.

"From Whence We Come" – February 22

Petersburg Communities Inc. (PCI) will present "From Whence We Come" on Saturday, February 22, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Union Station, 103 River Street. The presentation will be made by the Buffalo Soldiers. The History of the First Library Desegregate in the Nation, Steppers, music, dinner and a skit will also be included. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children. For more information, please call 804-943-9227.

VSU 7th Annual Black Heritage Ball/NAACP Image Awards – February 22

On Saturday, February 22, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm, the VSU Graduate Student Association and NAACP will host the 7th Annual Black Heritage Ball/VSU NAACP Image Awards at the Gateway Event Center. The event is free to VSU students, faculty and invited guests. The key note speaker, Dr. William Cobb, is a renowned author, journalist and professor of History from University of Connecticut. Dr. Cobb is a regular correspondent on MSNBC and a regular contributor to the Washington Post, NY times, and Essence magazine. For more information, call 804-524-5661 or email CAdeyemi@vsu.edu.

Public Hearing on HIV Care & Prevention – February 25

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is holding public hearings to get feedback about HIV care and prevention services in Virginia. Public comment is being requested about VDH's use of Ryan White Part B, and HIV prevention and testing funds, barriers to care, and other issues. The Central Virginia public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 25 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Pathways, 1200 W. Washington Street. For more information, call 804-862-1104 x313.

Cardiac Health & Prevention Seminar – February 26

The Petersburg YMCA will host a presentation on cardiac health and prevention with Dr. Jasdeep Dalawari. Dr. Dalawari will talk about keeping your heart healthy and how to prevent cardiac disease. The seminar is Wednesday, February 26 from noon to 1:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, call 804-733-9333.

Rehabilitation Of The Poor Creek Pump Station Force Main Comments – March 1

Members of the public may submit comments for the official record on the proposed Rehabilitation of the Poor Creek Pump Station Force Main by 5:00pm on March 1 by email to tinnis@petersburg-va.org; or by writing to Tangela Innis, Purchasing Agent; City Hall Annex - 103 W. Tabb Street, Petersburg, VA 23803. The City of Petersburg has received and accepted an unsolicited proposal from Versar, Inc. for a public-private partnership under which the private proposer would provide Rehabilitation of the Poor Creek Pump Station Force Main located at the East edge of East Washington Street (Route 36) to the North edge of the US Route 460. The City advertised and requested competing proposals during the review of the conceptual and detailed stage submission the City has selected to negotiate a comprehensive agreement with Falconer Construction Company, Inc. 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 Falconer Construction Company, Inc.:

Falconer Construction and our partners G. L. Howard and Draper Aden Associates are excited to have been awarded the Poor Creek Pump Station Force Main Replacement project. More so, we are thrilled to be working with The City of Petersburg who sees and understands the inherent values of the PPEA (Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act) process. For the City, PPEA’s are a low-risk, fast-track and cost-effective solution to obtain design and construction services. These projects promote the integration and collaboration of all parties in finding innovative solutions that deliver the best value in meeting schedule, cost and quality goals. As for this project, the overall goal is to find the most cost effective solution to improve the service life and performance of the force main while maintaining uninterrupted service to the citizens served by the pipeline. Falconer Construction Company is a broadly diversified, integrated site and heavy civil contractor based in central Virginia with regional offices serving the Southeast. Since 1946, Falconer Construction has provided services to a diverse client base which includes universities/colleges, institutions, state agencies, healthcare providers, non-profit organizations, private corporations, school systems, sports teams and private entities.

Book Signing – March 8

SAVE THE DATE: Dr. Joye M Carter, the nation’s first African American to be appointed a Chief Medical Examiner and first female Chief Medical Examiner of Washington, DC, Houston, Texas and Indianapolis, will be at Walton Gallery on March 8 for a book signing from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Dr. Carter has restored a slave built home on a High Street, and has contributed to the Petersburg Library fund. She is featured in the February issue of *Program Success*. Her mother, the late Marjorie B. Carter, taught in the Petersburg school system for ten years. Her new book is titled *“Let Me Give You A Peace of My Mind”*.

“Minorities in the Confederate Military: Combat Support” – March 9

SAVE THE DATE: The City of Petersburg Department of Museums and Visitor Services will present a special lecture by Teresa Roane entitled *“Minorities in the Confederate Military: Combat Support”* on Sunday, March 9, at 4:00pm at Historic Blandford Church, 319 Crater Road. Ms. Roane, formerly the Archivist at the Museum of the Confederacy, is currently the Archivist at the United Daughters of the Confederacy Headquarters in Richmond. She will explore “the history of men and women of color who served in the Confederate military . . . Many historians have tried to downplay their significant role, but they were vital to the Confederate war effort.” The event is free. Doors will open for seating at 3:30pm. For more information, call 804-733-2396.

Week In Review

New Business Opens

Join in welcoming the opening of Quest Diagnostics located at 34 Medical Park Boulevard. The company offers a wide range of lab testing. For more information, visit www.questdiagnostics.com.

Black History Month Events Promoted



City Manager William E. Johnson III was the guest on Radio One’s Community Conversations with Clovia Lawrence this week. Black History Month events were discussed as well as the many African American pioneers from Petersburg. The City Manager also gave an update on what’s happening in Petersburg. Visit the following websites to hear the broadcast: www.praiserichmond.com , www.kisrichmond.com www.ipowerrichmond.com.

Petersburg Director of Cultural Affairs, Brian Little was featured on VSU's 91.3 WVST. Little also discussed the many events happening in Petersburg to celebrate Black History Month. For more information, www.vsu.edu/wvst.



A New Micro-Brewery Planned For Old Towne

Developers and City Officials were at the Old Electric Building in Old Towne on Friday, February 14 to discuss upcoming plans for the City's first micro-brewery.

