



Upgrades to the Petersburg Sports Complex

The Office of Recreation, Leisure Services, & Volunteerism has been working hard over the winter, readying the Sports Complex for a busy year of activities. We are excited to host over two dozen tournaments in 2024, welcoming teams from Virginia and surrounding states.

According to the Virginia Tourism Corporation, sports tourism accounted for nearly 8% of Virginia's overall visitor economy in 2022, directly contributing \$2.4 billion in visitor spending. Sports-related travelers in 2022 spent \$7.3 million every day in Virginia, reflecting a substantial \$1 million increase

compared to 2019. Sports tourism also employed 28,138 Virginians in 2022 and drove \$344 million in state and local tax revenues.

When you enter the Complex, the fields are immediately visible, thanks to the huge undertaking of clearing the brush that surrounded them. On closer inspection, you will see a lot of fresh paint on foul line markers, the press box doors, at the concession stand, and in the bathrooms. There are also new field and directional signs, new flooring and awnings in the clubhouse, and fresh wood and stain on seating behind the home plate.



The exciting and extensive upgrades to our Sports Complex benefit our citizens and put Petersburg on the map as a popular destination for outside tournaments. The Complex serves Richard Bland College, Petersburg High School, and Life Christian Academy teams and hosts many city events throughout the year.

Marquis Allen
Director
Recreation, Leisure Services, & Volunteerism

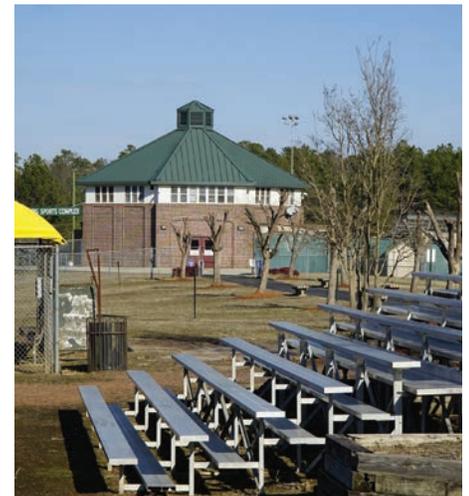


Softball Tournament Schedule

Starting approximately at 8 am



June 1 - 2, 2024	May 25 - 27, 2024
June 15 - 16, 2024	June 28 - 29, 2024
September 7 - 8, 2024	July 13 - 14, 2024
	July 28 - 29, 2024
	August 10 - 11, 2024
	September 28 - 29, 2024
	October 12 - 13, 2024
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New Smart & Active Kiosks Bring Innovative Technology to Petersburg City Public School Classrooms



Petersburg City Public Schools is no stranger to adopting new technologies to enhance the student learning experience. Recently, a few schools within the division were fortunate to be the first adopters of the new “Smart & Active” learning kiosks. During a recent teacher training, Blandford Academy led the way in unveiling the new kiosks. These machines, which turn any floor into an interactive, multimedia learning space in less than a minute, are planned for all PCPS elementary schools. They will be housed in each school’s library with a sign-up list to assist teachers with planning.

Some key features of the kiosks include the ability for students to interact with games they are already familiar with, like matching/memory games and even Fruit Ninja, which is a video game that promotes hand-eye coordination. Teachers can design and customize games in Game Creator for their specific classrooms. Additional customizable options include quizzes, puzzles, and coloring pages. These games can also be used to support all aspects of S.T.E.A.M. learning.

During the unveiling at Blandford, teachers transformed into energetic learners as they joyfully jumped around to solve math

problems and happily hopscotched their way to correct responses. Having a hands-on demonstration of how “Smart & Active” brings new life to the curriculum highlighted the exciting possibilities for teachers and students to learn and grow.

Monique Yates, PCPS Director of Technology, explained that Instructional Technology Resource Teachers will have the expert-level knowledge needed to train teachers on this exciting new addition to the schools.

Since the “Smart & Active” machines were unveiled, Walnut Hill Elementary teachers have also been using them in their classrooms with much success! Students exhibited excitement as they leaped to solve math problems that popped up on the learning mat. These machines encourage students to know the correct responses to each question, and friendly competition with peers motivates students to cheer each other on and work to be the first to recall information.

Dr. John Farrelly, PCPS Interim Superintendent, witnessed the “magic” first-hand as students used the machines. *“I encourage all teachers to use “Smart & Active” in the classroom. We want our students to be excited about learning”.*

Petersburg looks forward to more laughter and learning with “Smart & Active” machines, which are helping students master skills and make the grade!

FOLAR is on the Move!



Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) have a new space located at 235 N Market Street in Old Towne Petersburg, steps from the Appomattox River Trail.

With their new headquarters, FOLAR will be able to host more hands-on workshops and events. In their new garden, they can propagate native plants to restore local habitats. They have lots of opportunities to promote outdoor recreation and active living through biking, paddling, walking, fishing, and more.

FOLAR is fundraising to support renovations to the building as well as ongoing operating costs. Want to help? Donate to the building campaign. FOLAR is 20% of the way to reaching their \$50,000 goal, which covers renovation costs like painting and repairs, furnishing the space, as well as one year of operating expenses. www.folar-va.org



Anyone who frequents the Petersburg Public Library cannot help but be tempted by the delicious local produce and products for sale in the Market @ PPL, located in the main lobby area on the ground floor. Do you shop here? If not, you are missing out! It is a win-win for all; you can support local growers and makers, reap the benefits of eating healthy food that has not had to travel far and is super fresh, and enjoy quick one-stop shopping for delicious meal ingredients and snacks! The market is open Monday through Thursday from 12 pm – 6 pm.

Also available here are the Market @ PPL weekly produce bags, which anyone can order as frequently as they like. Each bag comes with fruits and vegetables from local farmers, and it is a fun surprise and challenge to pick up your bag to see what you will be fixing for the week. The bags must be preordered, which you can do via email each week, and they cost \$20 or \$10 with EBT/SNAP. To sign up for emails about ordering weekly produce bags, visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcCtEn-PWkcQ9gM_9fPx-HwdB8GyyInL-cWKjp-IW0ljJqwS-fA/viewform



Make Saturday morning a terrific start to the weekend by stocking up on great local produce and products at the year-round River Street Market from 9 am – 12 pm. It is a center of activity where you can buy high quality local produce, meats, eggs, coffee, baked goods, jams, jellies, personal care products, or handmade goods and plants, just to name a few items. It is a wonderful place to bring the whole family and your canine companions too!

River Street Market offers Double Snap Dollars when purchasing with S.N.A.P. EBT cards, meaning cardholders can get half off produce.

Visit www.riverstreetmarket.com for more information.

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR KIDS AGES 4 - 14 TO EXPERIENCE THE FUN OF THE POP CLUB!




2023 WAS A GREAT YEAR AT MARKET @PPL!

- Served 3,875 customers in 202 market days
- Local produce was 1 in every 3 sales dollars
- \$49,000 of product revenue went to local farmers and producers
- Top 5 produce items: Bananas, Apples, Sweet Potatoes, Salad Mix, Produce Bags



What is It?

Fun for kids ages 4 - 14 at the Farmers Market!

How it Works

Do an activity between 9:00 & Noon or take an activity home and return! Receive a \$5 POP Club token to spend on fresh fruits & vegetables!



Sponsored by:



@petersburgpopclub



JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY YEAR-ROUND!

The Power of Produce (POP Club) is a Farmers Market incentive program designed to empower children ages 4-14 to choose their own produce!

Find us @ 30 River Street in Historic Old Towne Petersburg

Independence Hydrogen, Inc.

Pioneering the American Hydrogen Economy



Independence Hydrogen, Inc. (IH) is at the forefront of the American hydrogen economy, providing reliable, affordable, clean hydrogen services. What sets IH apart is its innovative approach to energy and its company culture. Seventy percent of its team comprises military and government service veterans, many with combat leadership experience. This distinctive composition defines a company culture of integrity, service to others, and operational excellence.

IH's mission is clear: to make communities cleaner, safer, and more energy-resilient by providing affordable, low-carbon hydrogen access. IH's Petersburg plant is the only high-pressure hydrogen plant in the Mid-Atlantic and is set to produce and distribute over 100 tons per day of clean H₂ by 2028.

"We chose Petersburg as the location of our

first hydrogen plant because of its proximity to major transportation corridors and hydrogen feedstock," said Bill Lehner, IH Founder and CEO. *"Petersburg is close to military bases, helping the company hire local veterans who align with IH's core values and culture."*

IH's key highlights and initiatives include:

- **Military Veteran Team:** IH boasts a team with 200 years of combined uniformed service.
- **DOE Recognition:** One of 33 organizations the Department of Energy (DOE) encouraged to submit a full application for the \$7 billion Hydrogen Hub.
- **Network Growth:** The Petersburg plant signifies the initial step in IH's growing production and distribution network, working towards establishing a robust and resilient decentralized hydrogen (DeHy[®]) national network.

- **Fortune 50 Partnerships:** IH has secured three Fortune 50 companies as anchor customers, reflecting the trust placed in its services.
- **Focus on Safety and Execution:** IH prioritizes safety, execution, and customer service in all operations.
- **Job Creation:** By manufacturing low-carbon energy, IH is creating good-paying jobs in the community.
- **Environmental Impact:** IH's hydrogen is quantifiably less carbon-intensive than fossil fuel alternatives, promoting sustainable energy solutions.
- **Market Reach:** IH leads the way in servicing underserved geographies like Virginia, which lack reliable hydrogen supply.

Independence Hydrogen is in the Petersburg Interstate Industrial Park on Halifax Road.

Feed More

Vice Mayor Darrin Hill and Councilman Charlie Cuthbert recently volunteered on a full Meals on Wheels route for Feed More's March for Hunger initiative. Petersburg's high demand for this service is coupled with a critical need for more volunteers to make deliveries. Do you have a few hours a month to spare to help out this incredible organization providing an invaluable service to our homebound neighbors? Volunteers typically commit to one delivery route a week, or a couple of days a month. Regardless of what you choose, any help is much appreciated!

Several routes are covered every weekday in Petersburg and the surrounding area, which helps keep homebound seniors and disabled neighbors independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Fresh, diet-specific, made-from-scratch meals are delivered by volunteers every weekday from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm (excluding holidays and with flexible delivery options). Not only do clients receive a nutritious meal each weekday, but the friendly volunteers also deliver a smile and safety check.



CHECK OUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES HERE:
www.feedmore.org/donate-time

If you would like to receive Meals on Wheels or need help finding food: www.feedmore.org/get-help
or call the Hunger Hotline at (804) 521-2500 ext. 631
Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm

Improve Your Health at the Petersburg Family YMCA



Did you know that the Petersburg Family YMCA has no joining fee and no contract? In addition, they have affordable monthly memberships that include income-based rates as low as \$31 per month for a family. Non-members who would just like to participate

in a particular program can still do so by registering and paying the non-member rate.

Becoming a member of the Petersburg YMCA means that not only will you have access to all exercise classes/activities but also Child Watch, which is available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday morning from 9 am - 12 pm and Monday - Friday evening from 5 pm - 8 pm. Once a member of the Petersburg YMCA, you can access all 17 locations across the YMCA of Greater Richmond and participating branches in their nationwide program across the U.S.

The Y also offers many youth programs throughout the year, and this Spring is

no exception.

Offerings include Youth Soccer Leagues, Cross Country, Dance and Movement, Gymnastics, Youth Volleyball League, Basketball Clinic, and Ninja Warrior. There is a charge to participate, but income-based rates are available as well as non-member rates.

For more information on programs and membership, please visit www.ymcarichmond.org/locations/petersburg-family-ymca



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT PETERSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The YMCA is enrolling for Lakemont, Pleasants Lane, and Walnut Hill Elementary Schools. Please contact Markisha Campbell (Regional Youth Development Director) at (804) 918-7418 or campbellm@ymcarichmond.org.

LEARN TO SWIM AT ANY AGE AT THE Y!

Every month, the Y holds group swim lessons for all ages:

* parent-child lessons * preschool lessons * beginner youth lessons * intermediate youth lessons * teen/adult lessons

(Not included in membership - Member/Non-member rates available)

Did you know? The Petersburg Family YMCA is proud to now have the second-largest competitive swim team in the YMCA of the Greater Richmond Region, with 116 current participants!

Dogwood Trace Golf Course



Located on 125 acres on the western edge of Petersburg, Dogwood Trace Golf Course features an award-winning 18-hole championship golf course, practice facilities, and a restaurant. Renovated in 2007, it has gained recognition as a "hidden gem" and attracts guests from all over North America. The facility accommodates golfers of all

skill levels and offers various ways to enjoy the course, including daily fee options and two annual pass memberships tailored to different playing preferences.

The Silver Membership is designed for players who prefer weekday access, while the Gold Membership provides seven-day-a-week privileges.

Both membership options offer discount pricing for seniors, military/civil servants, and participants in golf-specific discount card programs. Due to high demand, tee times are strongly recommended, and guests can book by calling the golf shop or visiting the website. Additionally, the course provides golf instruction for individuals or groups.

Call (804) 732-5573 for tee times and lessons or visit www.dogwoodtracegolf.com.



Dogwood Trace partners with the Petersburg Recreation and Special Events Department to offer junior golf camps throughout the summer. These camps are designed to introduce golf to city youth while incorporating life skills into the lesson. This program is a fun way for youth to get outdoors and experience golf in a safe environment. The summer golf programs, including registration, are managed through the Office of Recreation and Special Events. Call (804) 324-4015 or recreation@petersburg-va.org.

Petersburg Public Library Receives Heartfelt Needlepoint Art

The Southside Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild crafted a beautiful needlepoint artwork titled “Children’s Classic Books” and gifted it to the Petersburg Public Library. This collaborative effort involved over 40 members from various regions, including Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Williamsburg, Blackstone, Richmond, and even beyond state borders in North Carolina and California. The intricate work on this piece was predominantly undertaken by members in these areas.



The project developed across gatherings, where each chapter member contributed their stitches before passing them along or returning them for further progress. This joint effort took over a year to complete. During

that time, two dedicated members, aged 89 and 94, passed away. With over six decades of needlepoint experience, these individuals left their final touches on this cherished creation.

Jeri Cohen reflected on the priceless nature of this artwork, noting the significant time investment and emotional depth within its fibers. While material costs amounted to over \$500 for supplies and framing, the labor of love encompassed thousands of hours. The artistic process, guided by an initial painting, required meticulous stitching to complete the envisioned design—a skill Cohen inherited from her mother, Sarah Ann



Pictured here from left to right are Peggy Andrews, Jeri Cohen, Maxine Phillips, Mr. Crocker, Carol Cohen, Karen Scales, Lyn Warmoth, and Nancy Andrews.

Cohen, a beloved needlepoint mentor who, regrettably passed before the completion of the artwork, undoubtedly left a lasting mark on this final project.

The artwork is displayed in the Library’s Children’s Section, given its focus on children’s literature. Wayne Crocker, Director of Library Services, expressed gratitude for this permanent addition that will be appreciated by young readers and adults alike for generations to come.

Beyond this creation, the Southside Chapter has embarked on numerous community initiatives, including crafting “Kissing Pillows” for military families during deployments, contributing a flag to Fort Gregg-Adams, and crafting kneelers for the historic Old Blandford Church.

McKenney Building Added to the Virginia Landmarks Register

The State Review Board and the Virginia Board of Historic Resources have added the William R. McKenney Building to the Virginia Landmarks Register. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources will forward the documentation for the McKenney Building to the National Park Service for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The national and state registers are official lists of places recognized as having architectural, archaeological, or historical significance at the local, state, or national level.



June 14, 2024

July 12, 2024

August 9, 2024

September 13, 2024

Kozy Cats Band and Show

Brother Blues Band and Show

Soul Unlimited Band and Show

Dap Mallory Band and Show

All performances are free to the public.
Each event starts at 6 pm and ends around 8 pm.
Food and alcoholic beverages are available for purchase.

Community Camera Sharing Program with Petersburg Bureau of Police

Through camera-sharing programs, businesses and residents in the City of Petersburg can now play an important part in crime solving and prevention.

The FUSUS program provides game-changing technology to help solve crimes and provide emergency response in real-time by permitting law enforcement to access public and private video feeds from those in the program.

The Petersburg Bureau of Police is actively seeking businesses to participate by allowing

them to install a special DVR in their security camera systems at no charge, giving law enforcement real-time access without disturbing the business owner should a crime or accident happen near their place of business. This is a win-win for the community as the police have greater assistance with crime solving and prevention, and businesses have increased security.

The Petersburg Bureau of Police is also strategically placing this technology to allow for maximum coverage across the city and the ability to use footage from multiple cameras as

needed. This technology is infinitely scalable and, therefore, can play a critical part in ensuring the safety of our community in the future.

Register your home security camera
Petersburg residents can also assist with camera sharing by registering their home security cameras with the police department. In the event of a crime nearby, police could request relevant footage from those registered. Unlike the FUSUS business program, the police would not have real-time access to these cameras and would need to ask permission to view the footage.

Chief Travis Christian

COLLABORATING TO KEEP PETERSBURG SAFE

Help create a safer Petersburg by enrolling in our Community Camera Sharing Program!

Sharing your camera feed enables the Petersburg Police Department to respond to incidents at your location faster and equips officers with advance knowledge of the situation. It will keep our residents and business owners safer and build closer ties within our community.

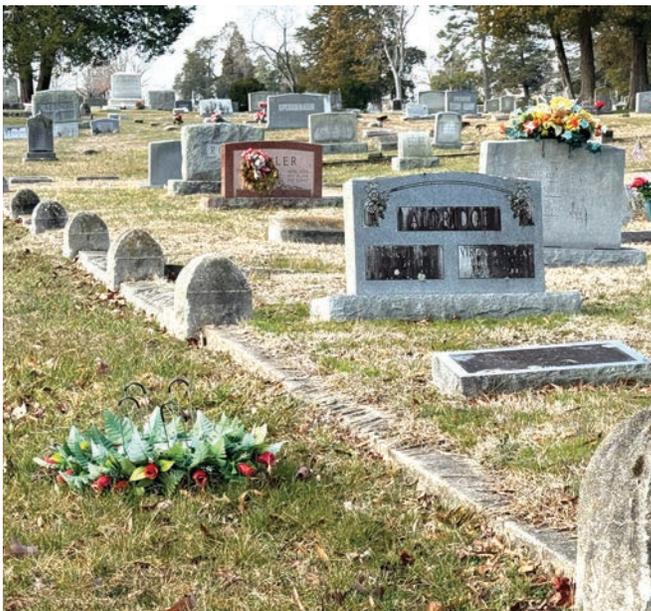


SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR CAMERA(S)



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register now!

Maintaining the Beauty and Respect for Blandford Cemetery and People's Memorial Cemetery



Following the Rules and Regulations governing Blandford Cemetery and People's Memorial Cemetery, as adopted by Petersburg City Council, is important for the upkeep of these sacred grounds.

Decoration Guidelines: The management reserves the right to remove floral arrangements and vegetation deemed unsightly, hazardous, or non-compliant with the cemetery's standards.

Prohibited Ornaments: Certain items, such as boxes, toys, metal designs, fencing, and others, are not permitted on lots or plots. The City can, and

will, remove any prohibited items to maintain the cemetery's aesthetics.

Planting Restrictions: Owners are prohibited from planting flowers, trees, or shrubs on lots or squares to preserve the uniformity and maintenance of the cemetery.

By respecting these rules, Petersburg can protect the environment, allowing for regular grass-cutting, and improving the cemetery's appearance. Cemetery regulations can be found at: <https://www.petersburgva.gov/405/Cemetery-Ordinances>

Thank you for your cooperation.

Petersburg Welcomes New Businesses!



Bravo Burrito

801 W. Washington Street
(804) 898-3591



Beauti Curve Boutique

849 S. Sycamore Street
(804) 300-8486



The Elephant's Trunk

246 N. Sycamore Street
(804) 688-5202



Readers 2 Leaders Academy

603 S. Sycamore Street
(804) 504-3819



The Rock Yard

414 N. Market Street
(804) 835-9582



Soul Rebel

106 W. Old Street
(804) 766-2055

PETERSBURG CITYWIDE DRAINAGE STUDY

Working to better manage stormwater in the city.



Comprehensive Stormwater Study Underway to Address Localized Flooding Program

During heavy rain downpours, some areas of Petersburg are prone to localized flooding, resulting in impassable streets and property damage. To address the flooding issues, Petersburg secured a \$2.2 million grant from the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund to study its stormwater system. Petersburg's Stormwater Management Program will use data collected during the study to apply for additional grant funding to improve drainage and reduce localized flooding issues.

To report a flooding issue, contact Darryl Walker, Petersburg Stormwater Program Manager, at (804) 733-2353 or dwalker@petersburg-va.org.

MEETINGS

City Council Meetings

Petersburg City Council meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays. There are no regular meetings in the month of August. All are welcome to attend in person at the Petersburg Public Library, or the meetings can be viewed at: <https://www.petersburgva.gov/1177/Live-Meetings>

Public Meetings

The following public meetings are all held in the Multipurpose Room of Petersburg Public Library:

Architectural Review Board – Second Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Planning Commission – First Thursday at 6:30 pm

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board – Third Thursday at 6:00 pm

Economic Development Authority (EDA) – Fourth Thursday at 6:00 pm



Know When Tax Bills Are Due

Personal Property Taxes: June 10, 2024 | Real Estate Taxes: July 1, 2024 | September 30, 2024 | December 31, 2024

WATER BILLS: Due by the 5th of each month

UPCOMING OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

All Petersburg City government offices will be closed on the listed holidays. This includes Petersburg Area Transit and all bus service operations. Dogwood Trace Golf Course is open on all holidays except for Christmas Day.

Residential recycling and trash collections are usually delayed by one day for the week on holidays.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27 | Juneteenth – Wednesday, June 19 | Independence Day – Thursday, July 4

IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

CITY HALL/CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Manager's office: (804) 733-2301 or (804) 733-2323 or maltman@petersburg-va.org

Clerk of Council: (804) 712-2237 (mobile) or thill@petersburg-va.org

Communications/Government Relations: (804) 347-3321 or jwilliams@petersburg-va.org

Community Corrections: (804) 861-4348 or nloving@petersburg-va.org

Dogwood Trace: Jamie Fagan: (804) 732-5573 ext. 2 or jfagan@petersburg-va.org

Economic Development: (804) 733-2300 ext. 4072 or bamoore@petersburg-va.org

Human Resources: (804) 805-8013 or hr@petersburg-va.org

Petersburg Public Library: (804) 733-2387 or wcrocker@ppls.org

Planning and Community Development: (804) 733-2308 or pcd@petersburg-va.org

Public Works: Main Contact: (804) 733-2353

- Utility Billing: to set up or disconnect service, trash cans: (804) 733-2349
- Utilities Division: issues with water or sewer: (804) 733-2407
- Street Operations: (804) 733-2415
- Facility Management: (804) 733-2411
- Grounds/Tall Grass Hotline: (804) 324-5748

Recreation, Special Events & Volunteerism: (804) 324-4015 or recreation@petersburg-va.org

Tourism: (804) 948-4455 or tourism@petersburg-va.org

Voter Registration & Elections: (804) 733-8071 ext. 0 or dwilmoth@petersburg-va.org

TRANSIT

Petersburg Area Transit (PAT): (804) 733-2413 or masstransit@petersburg-va.org

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY SERVICES

Code Enforcement: (804) 733-2409 or CodeEnforcement@petersburg-va.org

Fire Administration: (804) 733-2328 or Fireadmin@petersburg-va.org

Fire Marshal's Office: (804) 805-8097 or FireMarshal@petersburg-va.org

Police Department: Non-emergency (804) 732-4222, Emergency 9-11

Sheriff's Department: (804) 733-2369 or sheriffcrawford@petersburg-so.com

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Billing & Collections: (804) 733-2349 or citycollector@petersburg-va.org

City Treasurer: (804) 733-2322 or treasurer@petersburg-va.org

Commissioner of the Revenue: (804) 733-2315 or corteam@petersburg-va.org

COURTS

Circuit Court Clerk's Office: (804) 733-2367 extension 0 for the front desk

Court Service Unit: (804) 431-3250

General District Court: (804) 733-2374

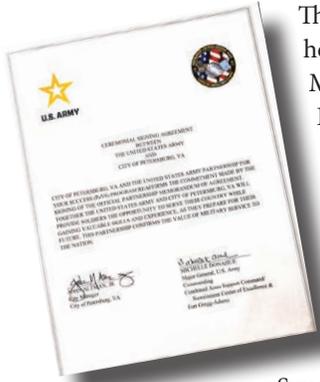
Petersburg Juvenile Community Crime Control Program: (804) 431-3253

Commonwealth's Attorney's office contact: (804) 861-8899

NEED HELP REACHING A CITY DEPARTMENT?

Email Ella Dickinson at edickinson@petersburg-va.org

City of Petersburg Joins U.S. Army Partnership for Your Success Program



The U.S. Army and the City of Petersburg hosted a signing ceremony on Friday, March 1, 2024 at Petersburg Public Library Event Center in celebration of the City of Petersburg joining the Army Partnership for Your Success (PaYS) Program. The ceremonial agreement was signed by City Manager John “March” Altman and Major General Michelle K. Donahue, Commander, Combined Arms Support Command/Sustainment Center of Excellence at Fort Gregg-Adams.



The City of Petersburg is proud to provide job opportunities to soldiers transitioning back into civilian life and to those who serve in the Army Reserves and National Guard.

As part of the Army’s efforts to increase soldier success, the PaYS Program is a strategic partnership between the U.S. Army and community partners nationwide to assist soldiers to forge professional

relationships with businesses and encourage business owners to look for and hire well trained, professional, and highly disciplined soldiers for the workforce. PaYS Partners guarantee soldiers an interview and possible employment after their service in the Army

Since PaYS began in 2000, more than 1,170 employers have partnered with the program, over 280,000 soldiers are enrolled as PaYS Soldiers, and over 433,000 jobs are available.

Petersburg Names Director of Petersburg Area Transit Program



challenges. I believe Mr. Mason is the right person to lead PAT into the future and make PAT the model transit organization in Virginia.”

Mason’s experience includes Transit Operator, Transit Supervisor, Transit System Manager, and Interim Transit General Manager.

“Petersburg Area Transit is essential in promoting accessibility, supporting economic growth, and providing transportation services to vulnerable populations within the City,” said Darius Mason. “I am eager to lead the growth and expansion of PAT, a key priority for our region.”

After graduating from Petersburg High School, Mason attended St. Augustine College and later transferred to Virginia State University.

The City of Petersburg is pleased to announce the selection of Darius Mason as the Director of Petersburg Area Transit. Mason began his tenure with Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) in 2006. He has served as PAT Operations Manager since 2017.

“The City received an outstanding pool of applicants and interviewed several excellent candidates,” said City Manager March Altman. “Mr. Mason impressed the interview panel and me with his knowledge and understanding of transit operations and PAT’s

Summer Internship Program



As Petersburg grows, investing in our youth is vital for a well-prepared workforce. The City is pleased to host its third Summer Internship Program for Petersburg’s high school students. The program is designed for students with outstanding school attendance records, academic achievements, and a passion for learning.

In addition to high school internships, the program includes a leadership development component tailored for current college undergraduate students.

This program offers valuable growth opportunities and hands-on experience to help kickstart these students’ professional journeys, prepare them for success, and build Petersburg’s future workforce.

LET'S MOVE FREE SUMMER CAMP

Age 6 - 12

June 24 - July 25, 2024

Closed July 4th

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm

Lakemont Elementary School

Petersburg Residents Only

Breakfast and lunch provided.

Registration from April 15 - June 14, 2024

www.petersburgva.gov • (804) 324-4015

recreation@petersburg-va.org

1937 Johnson Rd, Petersburg, VA 23805



FARMER STREET POOL



Pool Opening -

May 27, 2024

(Memorial Day)

Weekends ONLY dates:

June 1 - 2, 2024 | June 8 - 9, 2024 | June 15 - 16, 2024

Tuesdays - Saturdays from: June 8, 2024 to August 17, 2024

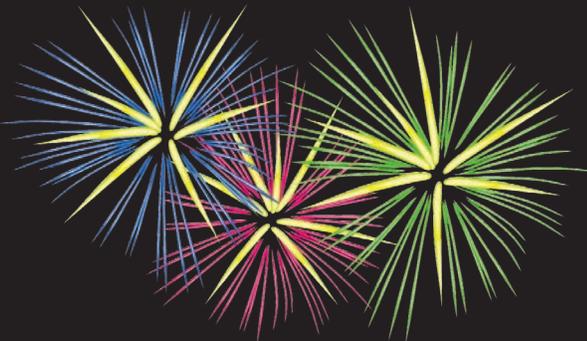
Weekends ONLY dates:

August 24 - 25, 2024 | August 31 - September 1, 2024

Labor Day - September 2, 2024 (Last Day)

Pool hours: 12 pm - 6 pm, closed for a break from 3 pm - 4 pm.

Independence Day Fireworks



All are welcome to enjoy fireworks on Wednesday, July 3 at the Trapezium Brewing and Petersburg Harbor area downtown. Stay tuned for more information!

Senior Program



Registration for the Senior Citizen Program at Tabernacle Baptist Church is ongoing for City of Petersburg residents ONLY or members of Tabernacle Baptist Church. The program runs from Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm.

Transportation is provided upon request.

The program is for citizens 55 and older and includes a free lunch, games, exercise, line dancing classes, and other activities. For more information and to enroll, call (804) 324-4015 or email recreation@petersburg-va.org.

JUNETEENTH Saturday, June 15, 2024

Petersburg Communities, Inc. and the City of Petersburg are partnering to host our Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 3 to 7 pm at the Petersburg Sports Complex. Free admission! Please bring your lawn chairs, but no coolers. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. There will be fun for all ages: Kidz Zone, Games, Comedy, Bands, DJ, Dancing...and more!



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