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Week Ahead – April 13, 2014

Three Historic Buildings in Petersburg Featured in Virginia’s Favorite Architecture Poll

The Virginia Center for Architecture has announced that **City Market (Farmers Market), the Siege Museum, and Centre Hill Mansion** are among the top 100 buildings in a public poll to identify

Virginia’s Favorite Architecture. The survey, which garnered nearly 30,000 votes, found that Virginians chose buildings that evoke powerful emotions and memories as their favorites. “Petersburg’s fabric includes hundreds of historical structures representing over 400 years of American history”, says City Manager William E. Johnson III. “The three buildings recognized are integral to attracting visitors and are often used as sets by film companies.”



City Market (Farmers Market - #40), built in 1879, was

designed and built by Bernard J. Black. It is notable for its octagonal shape and the decorative cast-iron brackets. The Siege Museum (#66) is a Greek revival building completed in 1841 to house the Exchange, the City’s commodities auction house. It has since served as a police station and is now a museum. Centre Hill Mansion (#89) was completed in 1823 for Robert Bolling IV, a Revolutionary War veteran and prominent



citizen of Petersburg. Centre Hill remained a residence until 1936 and is now a museum. Presidents Abraham Lincoln and William H. Taft visited Centre Hill while they were in office. Virginia’s Favorite Architecture exhibition is open through October 19 at the Virginia Center for

Architecture, 2501 Monument Avenue. The 100 structures identified as Virginia's most beloved pieces of architecture are featured. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.architectureva.org. For more information about Petersburg's historic sites, call 804-732-4000.

McKenney Library Closes - April 14

In preparation for the opening of the new library, the Petersburg Public Library System will close the William R. McKenney Library, 137 South Sycamore Street on April 14. Patrons will be permitted to drop-off items using the outside drop box. This month the library will grant amnesty to all patrons who have overdue library materials.



Free HIV Testing – April 15

Petersburg Community Corrections and the Minority Health Consortium partnership will provide FREE HIV Testing and consultation on Tuesday, April 15 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Testing will be held at Petersburg Community Corrections, 20 East Tabb Street, Suite #103. For additional information, call 804-861-4275, x100.

Doing Business With The Government – April 15

The Crater Procurement Assistance Center will offer a seminar on Tuesday, April 15 that will provide an overview of the Federal government small business contracting programs. Participants will learn how to register to do business with the Federal government, finding opportunities (prime and subcontracting), market research and more. The seminar is from 9:00am to noon at Crater Planning, 1964 Wakefield Street. To register go to:

<http://cpdptac.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID=524> or contact Lisa Parks at 804-861-1667 or via email at lparks@cpd.state.va.us.

Petersburg City Council Meeting & CDBG Work Session – April 15

Petersburg City Council will meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at Union Station, 103 River Street. A Work Session on CDBG funding will begin at 5:30pm. 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.

Ward 1 Meetings – April 17 & 24

Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith will hold a series of Ward 1:

April 17 Rock Church, Route 460

April 24 Robert E. Lee School

Speakers: City Manager, Public Works, Police

For additional information, call (804) 720-9520.



Real Estate Tax Relief for Elderly or Permanently & Totally Disabled Persons

Application forms for real estate tax relief for the elderly or permanently and totally disabled, must be filed with the Commissioner of the Revenue by May 1. Household income cannot exceed \$35,000 per year and assets cannot exceed \$70,000. Applications forms are available upon request.

Real Estate Tax Exemption for Veterans with 100% Service-Connected Disability

Application forms for veterans with 100% service-connected permanent disabilities are available upon request. Filing forms are also available on-line at www.petersburgva.gov.

For more information contact:

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Commissioner of Revenue

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Office Hours: M-F 8:30am – 5:00pm

Petersburg Farmers Market – April 19

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

1781 Battle of Petersburg Reenactment Weekend – April 19 & 20

The City’s Museum and Visitor Services division is sponsoring the 23rd Annual Revolutionary War

Reenactment of the 1781 Battle of Petersburg at historic Battersea, one of Petersburg’s premiere architectural treasures. This event will take place on Saturday, April 19 from 10:00am until 6:00pm, and on Sunday, April 20 from 10:00am until 4:00pm. Visit www.petersburgva.gov for all the details.



Petersburg Health and Wellness Day & "Egg Hunt" – April 19

The City of Petersburg Quality Circle Program will sponsor a Health and Wellness

Day at the Petersburg Sports Complex, 100 Ballpark Road, on Saturday, April 19 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Activities include Health Resource Vendors, Fitness Entertainment, Zumba, Aerobics, Tennis, Karate, Line Dancing, Jump Rope, Hopscotch, Potato Sack Race, Spoon Race, Jump Rope, Carrot Eating Contest, Apple Eating Contest, Old Fashion Youth Kickball Tournament, EGG HUNT, Healthy Food Vendors and much more. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the fun. For more information, call 804-733-2394.

Art Park Easter Egg Roll – April 19

Petersburg Area Art League (PAAL) will host a two-hour Easter Egg Roll and craft party on Saturday, April 19 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Children can participate in an Easter Egg Roll outdoors in the Art Park and then work on Easter art activities inside the gallery. PAAL will provide the eggs. A light snack will be provided, as well as candy for prizes. The event is open to all preschool and elementary age children. Reservations are required by Friday, April 11 at 5:00pm. The event is free for PAAL members and \$5 per child for non-members. To register, call PAAL at 804-861-4611 or visit www.paalart.org. PAAL is located at 7 East Old Street.

Easter Musical Play – April 18 & 19

“Easter Dinner”, a special Easter Musical Play will be held at New Millennium Studios on Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The play focuses on one woman’s personal battles. Her family is not where it should be. She remembers how it used to be and invites her family home, to the dinner table, where strong families are birthed. General admission tickets are \$20 per person. Early bird tickets are available until April 13 for \$15. Prices for all military members and military spouses, and students (with ID) are \$10. Tickets are available at the Petersburg Visitor Center, 19 Bollingbrook Street.

Petersburg Hosts 2014 CIAA Tournaments – April 17 & 18

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) will kick-off the Women’s Softball and Golf Championship Tournaments in Petersburg on Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18. “Sports tourism is growing in Petersburg. National stats indicate that around \$200 per day is spent by each sport tourist visiting a locality. Petersburg has first class sports facilities and we are pleased that the CIAA is coming to our city,” says City Manager William E. Johnson III. The golf tournament will be held at Dogwood Trace and the softball tournament will be held at the Petersburg Sports Complex. The top teams will compete based on the final regular season standings. Twelve universities and colleges belong to the CIAA league, including: Virginia State, Bowie State, Elizabeth City State, Shaw, Saint Augustine, Fayetteville State, Virginia Union, Chowan and Johnson C. Smith. The softball games will be played from 10:00am to 7:00pm on April 17 and 10:00am to 3:00pm on April 18. The tournaments are open to the public. For more information, call 804-733-2394.



Pretrial Services Availability – April 21

Petersburg Community Corrections is pleased to announce the full implementation of Pretrial Services effective April 21. Pretrial Services will work to promote pretrial justice with impartial bail investigations and make recommendations to the Court based on the risk of non-appearance and/or danger to the community using a validated risk assessment. Petersburg Community Corrections staff and the pretrial services program will continue to enhance public safety by implementing

comprehensive supervision strategies and pro-social interventions, which decrease the likelihood of criminal behavior and ensure Court appearance. Pretrial Services will:

- Conduct investigations and risk assessments on defendants in the Petersburg City Jail;
- Provide reports and recommendations to the Court to assist in bail decisions;
- Monitor compliance of conditions of bail, and provide supervision services for defendants released to Pretrial Services; and
- Assist the defendant with Court ordered services, and inform the Court of violations of the conditions of release or any acts which pose a danger to the defendant or the community.

For more information about Petersburg Community Corrections and Pretrial Services, contact Nicole Loving, Director at 804-861-4275 ext. 101

First Annual Earth Day Golf Tournament – April 22

The City of Petersburg will celebrate Earth Day, April 22, with a day of fun and golf! Earth Day is devoted to raising environmental awareness about our planet. The golf tournament, sponsored by Grant Capital Management, will take place at Dogwood Trace Golf Course, 3108 Homestead Drive, from 10:30am to 7:30pm, starting with a commemorative tree planting and special guest speakers. All proceeds from the event will benefit the children of Petersburg by providing them opportunities to spend time outdoors, learn about ways to protect our environment, and enjoy activities in nature. For more information, contact Shannon Fisher at 804-733-2355 or sfisher@petersburg-va.org.

Ward 5 Meeting – April 24

Councilman Myers will hold a Ward 5 meeting on April 24 beginning at 6:00pm at Peabody Middle School, 725 Wesley Street, to provide an overview of community improvements. Beginning at 7:00pm, citizens can speak on how the City should reuse Virginia Avenue School as a Community Health, Wellness & Recreation Center. The feasibility study on the school is underway. Councilman Myers wants to know what citizens think about this important project. **Please note that the Virginia Avenue discussion will begin at 7:00pm.** For more information, contact the Clerk of Council at 804-733-2323 or via email njackson@petersburg-va.org.



New Petersburg Library Opens – April 26

The new Petersburg Public Library will open on Saturday, April 26, 201 West Washington Street. The day will kick-off with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00am, followed by a Community Day Event at 11:00am, including tours of the new facility. The new library will have a teen center, Healthy Living and Learning Center, the READ Center of adult literacy, the Small Business Development Center, imagination station for children, a café, a patio area, and drive thru services. For more information call 804-733-2387 or visit www.ppls.org.

Rain Barrel Workshop for Petersburg Homeowners – April 26

Learn how to conserve water using rain barrels and other tools. The City of Petersburg, the Cameron Foundation, and VSU will hold a stormwater retention workshop on Saturday, April 26 at Vernon Johns Junior High School, 3101 Homestead Drive, from 9:00am to noon. Each registrant will receive a 65-gallon rain barrel (\$90 value). **The registration fee is \$10 and must be received by April 16.** To register, call 804-524-5023 or email switiak@vsu.edu.



Petersburg Garden Tour – April 29

SAVE THE DATE: Virginia Garden Week tours in Petersburg will be held on Tuesday, April 29. For all the details, visit <http://vagardenweek.org/tours-details.cfm?TourID=118>.