



Major Tourism and Economic Development Project Underway in Petersburg



Construction has officially begun on the first phase of a groundbreaking \$1.4 billion mixed-use development in Petersburg. This project is expected to create thousands of jobs, boost tourism, and deliver billions in economic benefits for the Commonwealth.

Bruce Smith Enterprise and The Cordish Companies marked the start of construction with a Groundbreaking Ceremony in March, celebrating the launch of Live! Casino Resort in Petersburg. This transformative development, anchored by Live! Casino & Hotel Virginia, is being designed as a destination, offering premier gaming, dining, entertainment, retail, and hotel experiences.

A temporary casino, already well into construction, will bring immediate job and vendor opportunities to the area. Opening date for

the temporary casino is to be determined, but it could be as soon as the end of the year, pending regulatory approvals.

The project is expected to have a significant impact, generating a total of \$2.8 billion in regional economic activity. This includes \$802 million during the construction phase, \$504 million in projected tax revenue, and \$201 million in annual economic contributions after opening. The development is also expected to create 7,500 jobs, with 6,000 positions during construction and 1,500 permanent jobs once fully operational.

Located at the intersection of Wagner Road and Interstate 95, the site offers convenient access, making it a prime location. By quickly opening the temporary casino, the project will jumpstart economic benefits for Petersburg while paving the way for long-term growth.

Check out all of the opportunities at Live! Casino and Hotel Virginia
at
<https://virginia.livecasinohotel.com/>
Vendors • Careers
Richard Bland College Dealer Institute



Watch This Space!

The temporary casino “structure” is being assembled (please note: this photo was taken in early June).



The City of Petersburg welcomes gaming industry veteran Penny Parayo who has been appointed Senior Vice President and General Manager for Live! Casino Virginia by Bruce Smith Enterprise and The Cordish Companies.



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The Petersburg Garden Club Celebrates 100 Years of Service

The City of Petersburg proudly celebrates the 100th anniversary of The Petersburg Garden Club, founded on May 5, 1925, with sponsorship from the Woman's Club of Petersburg. For a century, the Club has played a vital role in civic beautification, historic preservation, and environmental stewardship.

Beginning with 42 members, the Club quickly gained recognition, winning the Sweepstakes Prize at the Monticello Flower Show in 1926 and joining the Garden Club of Virginia in 1932. Since then, its contributions have shaped Petersburg through restoration and beautification efforts at Centre Hill Mansion, Willcox Lake, Blandford Cemetery, and other key sites.

The Club also preserves a remarkable Herbarium collection of over 300 botanical watercolors by Bessie Niemeyer



Marshall, now housed at Richard Bland College. It has hosted major events like the GCV Lily Show, published the acclaimed *With Paintbrush and Shovel*, and continues to promote the City through Historic Garden Week each year in late April.

Mayor Samuel Parham presented The Petersburg Garden Club with a proclamation to recognize, honor, and thank them for a century of dedicated service and lasting impact on the City of Petersburg.

Petersburg Names Firefighter of the Year



The Petersburg Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services is proud to announce Captain Jerren Lucas Sr. as the 2024 Firefighter of the Year.

"In every generation, there are individuals who leave a mark that becomes part of the City's foundation," said Chief Wayne Hoover. *"For Petersburg, that is Captain Lucas, a man whose roots run as deep as his*

love for the people he serves."

As Captain of Engine 2, B Shift, stationed at Market Street, his leadership and compassion serve as a unifying force. Within the Department, Captain Lucas is an inspiration. Recruits leave his training sessions with improved skills and renewed confidence. *"Every recruit has trained with Captain Lucas,"* said Chief Hoover. *"He helps them see their strengths and brings out their potential, not just as firefighters but as individuals."*

Beyond his firefighting duties, Captain Lucas mentors youth. His efforts ensure that children in Petersburg feel valued, whether by distributing coats, providing shoes, or offering words of encouragement. *"We want the community to know that we are not just here when your house is on fire,"* explained Captain Lucas. *"We're here for people year-round."*



Congratulations Captain Lucas!

Petersburg City Public Schools Expands Athletics Department

Esteemed Coach Tytrail (Ty) White Hired as New Assistant Athletic Director and Varsity Basketball Coach



Petersburg City Public Schools (PCPS) Superintendent Yolonda Brown has appointed Ty White as the new PCPS Assistant Athletic Director and Varsity Basketball Coach starting July 1, 2025.

This is the first time in over two decades that PCPS has expanded its Athletics Department to include an Assistant Athletic Director. This was done to continue fulfilling the Division's mission to transform PCPS

I'm extremely excited to return home to PCPS. I look forward to helping PCPS athletics reach new heights. It's our turn!

Ty White

and its vision to turn the page to a new day and a new way in PCPS.

White will work alongside Bill Lawson, Athletic Director, to support and continue the Division's quest to build a world-class athletic program for elementary school, middle school, and high school athletic programming.

White is a graduate of Petersburg High School and Virginia State University. He has over 20 years of coaching experience, and more than 400 student-athletes have earned basketball scholarships under his leadership and tutelage.

In 2023, Coach White was named the Naismith Coach of the Year, and he has

been recognized as the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Coach of the Year on seven occasions. White has also been named among the top 100 influential coaches five times and earned recognition from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated and MaxPrep as the National Coach of the Year.

White is the founder and president of the nationally ranked Team Loaded Amateur Athletic Union Program, where he has led four teams to national championships. In his most recent role as Head Basketball Coach at Richmond Public Schools, he guided his team to become six-time state champions. Previously, he served as Assistant Coach at Petersburg High School, where he achieved a 59-5 record and led his team to four consecutive group AAA state appearances. He has mentored players who have gone on to play in the NBA and NFL.

Now, White is returning home to PCPS to challenge and inspire students across the School Division.

CIS of Petersburg and HCA Virginia Equip Vernon Johns Middle School with New Medical Classroom

Communities In Schools of Petersburg, Inc. (CIS-Petersburg) and HCA Virginia have partnered with Petersburg City Public Schools to launch an innovative medical classroom at Vernon Johns Middle School, expanding educational opportunities for students interested in healthcare careers. Supported by a \$25,000 grant from HCA Healthcare Capital Division Virginia, the initiative provides hands-on experiences and early exposure to a range of medical professions.

The classroom simulates real-world medical settings with advanced technology, anatomy models, and interactive tools. Students will engage in practical exercises and benefit from workshops, guest lectures, and mentorship with healthcare professionals.

"By collaborating with HCA Healthcare, we are committed to inspiring the next generation of medical professionals," said Wanda Stewart, President/CEO at CIS-

Petersburg. *"Early exposure to medical careers can ignite passion and confidence in students, equipping them with the knowledge they need to pursue their aspirations in the healthcare field."*

Stewart also emphasized the importance of Petersburg City Public Schools as the ideal setting for the initiative, designed to build lasting interest in healthcare careers.

Dr. Yvette Dorsey, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at HCA Virginia, said, *"Academic and community partnerships are a critical piece of our mission to care for and improve human life. Strategic education assistance and training programs like this partnership within schools of Petersburg are essential to strengthening the healthcare workforce while allowing students the opportunity to explore their passions."*

Superintendent Yolonda Brown called the partnership *"a game-changer"* for students. *"By bringing hands-on medical training*



into Vernon Johns Middle School, we are opening doors to futures in healthcare that many students may have never considered. This initiative will spark ambition, build confidence, and give our students the tools they need to see themselves as future doctors, nurses, and healthcare leaders."

A recent launch event gave students, staff, and community members a first look at the classroom and its offerings.

For more information, contact Wanda Stewart at (804) 732-0510 or wanda@cisofpetersburg.org.

City of Petersburg Names Delvont'e Frenzley as Director of Human Resources



The City of Petersburg is pleased to announce the appointment of **Delvont'e Frenzley** as its new **Director of Human Resources**. Frenzley has served in the role on an interim basis for the past year, earning praise for his leadership, professionalism, and dedication to staff development and organizational success.

"Mr. Frenzley demonstrated solid leadership, professionalism, and genuine dedication to recruitment, retention, and team building," said City Manager March Altman. *"I'm confident he will continue to build a high-performing workforce aligned with City Council's vision for excellent public service."*

With over 15 years of experience in human resources and leadership, Frenzley is known for his strategic mindset, employee advocacy, and innovative approach to workplace culture. His

background includes roles in workforce management, employee engagement, and compliance, most recently with Maximus Federal for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

A lifelong Petersburg resident and Virginia State University graduate, Frenzley brings both professional expertise and a personal commitment to the city.

"I'm honored to step into this role as Human Resources Director for the City of Petersburg," said Frenzley. *"As a lifelong resident of Petersburg, I take great pride in serving my city and ensuring our employees are supported, developed, and empowered. Employee engagement is the foundation of a thriving workforce, and I look forward to implementing initiatives that enhance workplace culture and drive Petersburg forward."*

Frenzley is also deeply involved in community service, including mentoring youth and working with the Salvation Army Men's Shelter to connect individuals with essential resources.

Your City Needs You: Step Up for Jury Duty

Why Serve?

- It's your civic responsibility**
Participating as a juror is one of the most direct ways to support justice and democracy in our community.
- You help ensure fair trials**
Jurors listen to evidence, consider the facts, and make impartial decisions that uphold the law.
- Your voice makes a difference**
A representative jury includes people from all backgrounds — your perspective is essential.
- See the justice system in action**
Gain a better understanding of how courts work and how justice is delivered every day.
- Support your community**
Your service impacts real people with real cases right here in our city.
- Short-term commitment, long-term impact**
While jury service may be brief, its effects help preserve fairness and protect everyone's rights.

Received a Jury Summons?

Don't ignore it — respond, show up, and take part. Your city depends on engaged citizens like you.

Reminder: Jurors are paid \$50 each day.

Jury Questionnaires will be sent out in August!

Please keep an eye out for your questionnaire which will arrive by mail. It is extremely important that you fill it out. While it is not a commitment to serve on a jury, it ensures we have the correct information for when we do send out a jury summons. Taking a few minutes of your time to do this and to mail it back, is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference. Thank you.

Petersburg Welcomes New Businesses!



**NuVegan
Café Petersburg**
950 S. Sycamore Street
(804) 504-5580



Cool Beanz Café
2 N. Sycamore Street
(804) 590-8876



**Naturally Unique
Barber & Beauty**
3833 S. Crater Road
(804) 256-6655



Candy's Crate
3959 S. Crater Road
(804) 823-0363



Muse Collective
246 N. Sycamore Street
(804) 933-4281



Burgundie's Wine Bar
412 N. Sycamore Street
(804) 251-1760

BLEACHTECH and ANSA McAL Celebrate Growth and Partnership in Petersburg

BLEACHTECH recently hosted a special reception at Hotel Petersburg to mark a major milestone in its journey under the leadership of ANSA McAL. Since acquiring BLEACHTECH in late 2024, ANSA McAL has strengthened operations and deepened its commitment to the City of Petersburg through the largest investment in the company's 143-year history.

BLEACHTECH operates a state-of-the-art facility in Petersburg producing sodium hypochlorite (bleach), sodium hydroxide (caustic soda), and hydrochloric acid—critical chemicals used in water treatment, sanitation, and household products. Under ANSA McAL, the company has expanded

sustainably, upgraded operations, and increased its market presence across North America.

"It is a privilege to welcome ANSA McAL to the City of Petersburg," said Mayor Sam Parham. *"This historic business investment underlines their confidence in our city and brings lasting benefits—new jobs, upgraded facilities, and a strong partnership for progress."*

"We are thrilled to celebrate this important milestone with the Petersburg community," said A. Norman Sabga, Executive Chairman of ANSA McAL. *"We are committed to investing in this plant and in the people of Petersburg as we grow together."*



Take Pride in Petersburg: Let's Keep Our City Clean and Beautiful

Petersburg is a city on the rise. With new businesses opening, development underway, and visitors and potential residents discovering all we have to offer, this is a time of exciting growth and renewed energy. As our community transforms, we each have a role to play in putting our best foot forward.

A cleaner, more beautiful Petersburg doesn't just feel better—it *shows* better. It reflects pride, promotes safety and health, and sends a clear message: we care about where we live and work. Whether it's your front yard, storefront, or daily walking route, every small act of care helps shape a brighter future for our city.

Here's how you can help:



Pull Trash and Recycling Carts Off the Curb

After your trash or recycling has been collected, **be sure to bring your carts back in from the street as soon as possible.** When left out too long, these containers block sidewalks, clutter curbs, and create safety hazards for pedestrians and vehicles. Prompt removal helps keep Petersburg looking orderly and cared for—and sets a good example for others.

Keep Petersburg clean by avoiding overloaded trash cans. Overfilled cans or trash left nearby can lead to litter, with wind scattering it through the streets.



Don't Litter—Every Piece Counts

Litter doesn't just disappear. Whether it's a wrapper tossed from a car window or trash left behind in a park, litter pollutes our environment, harms wildlife, and costs the City money to clean up. It also sends the wrong message to newcomers and visitors. Please dispose of your trash properly, and if you see litter, take a moment to pick it up. That small act makes a big impact.

We'd like to give a shout-out to all the residents and organizations who take it upon themselves to go out and pick up litter voluntarily, for the benefit of us all. **THANK YOU;** your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Pick Up After Your Pets



Pet waste left behind on sidewalks, lawns, or in parks isn't just unpleasant—it's a health and environmental hazard. It carries harmful bacteria and parasites, can pollute local stormwater systems, and creates unsafe, unsanitary conditions for children and pets.

Unfortunately, **some areas of Petersburg have an alarming amount of uncollected dog waste,** which has become a major frustration for residents. It reflects a lack of care and affects the reputation of our neighborhoods—especially as more visitors and new residents explore the area.

If you're a dog owner, please do your part. Always carry a bag, clean up after your pet, and dispose of waste in the proper bin. A simple habit that takes just a few seconds shows respect for your community—and helps keep Petersburg clean and welcoming for everyone.

Maintain Your Lawn and Outdoor Spaces



Overgrown lawns and neglected yards are more than just an eyesore—they can block sidewalks, attract pests, and bring down neighborhood property values. Regular mowing, trimming, and basic upkeep of your outdoor space go a long way in

creating a neat, pleasant environment that reflects well on the entire block. To report tall grass, please call this number: (804) 324-5748. Please remember that you are responsible for cutting grass to the curb.

Businesses: Let's Lead by Example



Petersburg's business community is a vital part of our City's success, and your curb appeal matters. Customers, clients, and visitors form impressions the moment they step onto the sidewalk. A clean storefront, well-maintained landscaping, and litter-free surroundings show pride, professionalism, and a commitment to the community.



Business owners and property managers are encouraged to:

- Keep sidewalks and entrances free of trash and debris.
- Sweep regularly and maintain planters or green space.
- Report illegal dumping or maintenance concerns near your property.
- Ensure trash bins are not left on the curb beyond collection day.

Small actions like these make a big difference, especially as our commercial areas welcome increased foot traffic, tourists, and new investment.

Why It All Matters

The way our City looks and feels affects everything—from community pride and safety to economic opportunity and public health. As Petersburg grows, it’s important that we welcome this new chapter with clean streets, well-kept spaces, and a sense of shared responsibility.

A beautiful city begins with all of us—residents, businesses, and community partners—working together to create a welcoming, thriving Petersburg.

Get Involved: Join the Movement to Beautify Petersburg

Want to make an even bigger impact? The City of Petersburg offers programs and tools to support your efforts:



Adopt-A-Spot or Adopt-A-Street

Commit to maintaining a specific public space by picking up litter and reporting issues. The City provides signage, supplies, and recognition for individuals and groups

who help. <https://www.petersburgva.gov/434/Adopt-A-Street-Adopt-A-Spot-Program>.



Organize a Neighborhood or Business District Clean-Up

Hosting a cleanup day is a great way to bring neighbors, businesses, or employees together to enhance your block.

We’d love to help you plan it! The City can help with bags, tools, and waste collection coordination. Visit our website for more details about our Don’t Trash Petersburg Initiative: <https://www.petersburgva.gov/1196/Dont-Trash-Petersburg-Cleanup-Initiative>



Report Concerns

If you notice illegal dumping, overgrown lots, or maintenance needs, contact Public Works so the issue can be addressed quickly.

This can be done via the City website on the **Report A Concern** link on the home page: <https://www.petersburgva.gov/>, or if you’d prefer to call us, please do so at the following numbers:

CODE COMPLIANCE: (804) 733-2409

FOR: Abandoned Vehicle, Code Enforcement - Property Maintenance, Driveway Concerns, Fence Concerns

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: (804) 400-5798

FOR: Right of Way Issues

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION: (804) 733-2411

FOR: City Facilities

GROUNDS GRASS HOTLINE: (804) 324-5748

FOR: Landscaping Concerns, Mowing Tall Grass

MERIDIAN WASTE: (804) 748-8324

FOR: Brush

STREET OPERATIONS: (804) 733-2415

FOR: Concrete/Brick/Pave work, Curb/Gutter Repair, Debris/Trash, Drainage/Irrigation Concerns, Potholes/Street/Sidewalk Repairs, Resurfacing Streets, Sight Lines - Blind Spot, Sign Repair, Sign Violations, Snow Removal, Street Sweeping, Traffic Light Repair

ANIMAL CONTROL (804) 203-4409

FOR: Animal Complaints

VA811.com: 811

Call Before You Dig

Let’s work together to show the best of Petersburg—clean, proud, and ready for what’s next.
One sidewalk, one storefront, one act of care at a time.

Petersburg Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program



Petersburg
Healthy Options
Partnerships

(PHOPs) and River Street Education are facilitating the Farm Market Fresh/Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program for Petersburg residents. Virginia's Farm Market Fresh program (also called Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program [SFMNP]) helps eligible people age 60+ get fresh, tasty, and nutritious locally grown fruit, vegetables, and cut herbs. The program also supports local farmers and farmers markets in Petersburg and other localities in Virginia.

Who is eligible? Older adults are eligible to receive a \$50 benefit to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and fresh cut herbs from approved vendors if the following statements are true:

- You are 60 years of age or older.
- You are a resident of a locality that participates in the program.
- You do not live in the same household and you are not an immediate family member of the farmer who grows the produce.
- You meet the program's income requirements. You must certify your household income.

How does it work?

- You must complete an application each year to determine if you are eligible to participate in the program.
- Applications may be filled out online by visiting FarmMarketFresh.org or scanning here and completing the application.



Benefits can be issued to eligible participants through **September 30, 2025**.

Benefits can be redeemed at participating farmers markets & roadside stands through **November 30, 2025**.

To find out more or ask questions:

Contact Lenice Sudds (PHOPs) at (804) 433-3059 or lenice@vt.edu

Visit the Market @ Petersburg
Public Library (PPL):
Open Monday - Thursday
from
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm.



Important Reminder for SNAP Customers

DOWNLOAD THE APP AND LOCK YOUR EBT CARD IN BETWEEN USES

Because of the increase in benefits theft in Virginia and across the United States, the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) strongly recommends that all SNAP customers use the Connect EBT app either on their phone (free from Apple and Google app stores) or through the online portal at <https://www.connectebt.com/>. This new feature, combined with customers changing their PINs often and looking for skimming devices in stores before making a purchase, should help reduce the amount of fraud Virginia faces.

The lock/unlock feature only takes a minute to use with just a few taps, allowing customers to lock their **EBT card** right after making a purchase and then unlocking it right before the next time they use the card. You can also call the Virginia EBT Client Customer Service Helpdesk at (866) 281-2448 to speak to a representative to unlock your card.

VDSS offers this feature to help prevent benefits theft. If you suspect your EBT card was accessed or used without your consent, immediately change your card PIN and call the Client Customer Service Helpdesk at (866) 281-2448.

Elder Abuse Awareness

The Petersburg Department of Social Services stands with the global community in observing Elder Abuse Awareness.

Many cases of elder abuse go unreported due to fear, shame, or a lack of knowledge about the issue. Raising awareness is the first step toward prevention and protection.

Understanding Elder Abuse

Elder abuse can take many forms—physical, emotional, financial, and neglect. It may occur in private homes, community settings, or institutional facilities. According to the World Health

Organization, approximately 1 in 6 adults aged 60 and older experience some form of abuse each year.

How You Can Help

Stay Informed: Be aware of warning signs such as unexplained bruises, sudden anxiety, withdrawal, or an unkempt living environment.

Report Suspected Abuse: If you suspect an older adult is being abused, contact the Petersburg Department of Social Services Adult Protective Services Hotline at (888) 832-3858.

Support Social Engagement: Encourage seniors to stay active in the community, as social isolation is a significant risk factor for abuse.

Prevent Abuse: Visit older adults regularly. Vet all caregivers carefully. Help establish plans for finances and future care.

Advocate for Change: Support legislation and programs that safeguard the rights, dignity, and well-being of older adults.

Together, we can protect and empower our seniors.

Department of Recreation, Special Events, & Volunteerism

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS July 3

The City will partner with Trapezium Brewing Co. to host Fireworks on Thursday, July 3rd. Festivities take place from 4:00 pm - 9:30 pm, and the fireworks show is scheduled for approximately 9:15 pm. Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the fireworks at the Harbor Park at 277 River Street. There will be food trucks, music, outdoor games, vendors, and a children's area.



FALL SOCCER

- First Kicks (ages 4–6)
 - 9U (ages 7–9)
 - 12U (ages 10–12)
- Standard registration runs from August 18 - September 5. Resident fee is \$10 and non-resident fee is \$20. Late registration will remain open until filled.



Senior Field Trips

Participation requires registration as an active member in our Senior Program. Registration deadline for field trips is one week prior to the trip, unless otherwise indicated below.

July 16: Spirit of Norfolk Silver Bingo Cruise - \$45 (Register by July 1)

July 30: Cinema Café Movie (TBA) - \$10

August 6: Captain George's Seafood - \$55 (Register by July 28)

August 20: Bowling at 'The Bowling Alley' - \$12

September 3: Trolley Ride - \$10

September 17: Cinema Café Movie (TBA) - \$10

If you'd like to join the Senior Program, you must be a City resident to enroll OR a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church. Please reach out to the Office of Recreation, Special Events & Volunteerism for additional information: (804) 324-4015 or recreation@petersburg-va.org.

FARMER STREET POOL

Farmer Street Pool has been renovated and repainted!

FREE ADMISSION

Now open Tuesday – Saturday through August 16

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Closed for lunch: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

August 23, 24, 30, 31, & September 1 (Labor Day) 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Closed for lunch: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

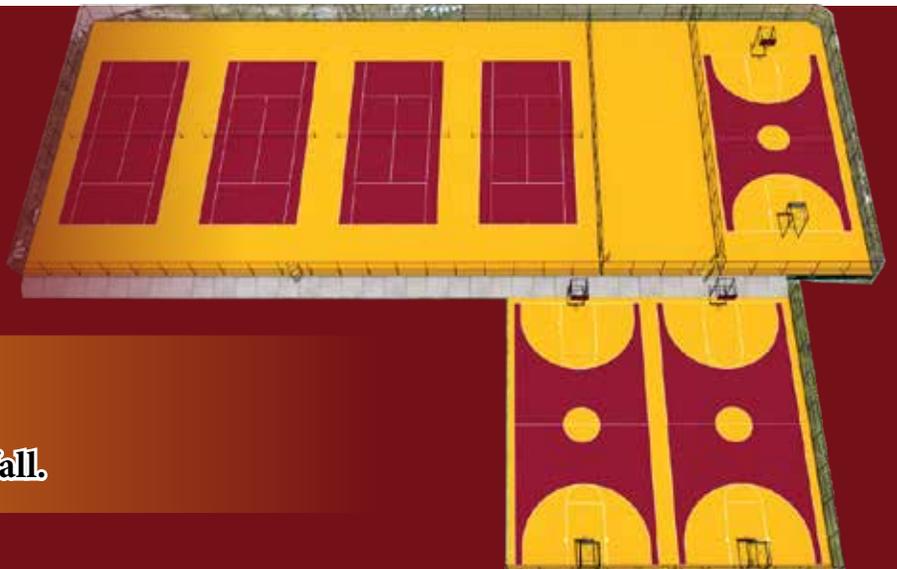
Youth 13 and over can be signed in and dropped off by a parent or guardian, kids under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

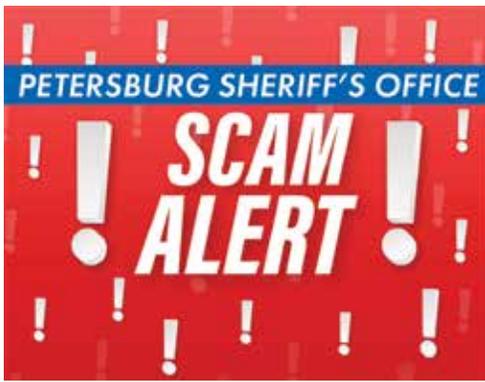


Legends Park Renovations

COMING SOON!

Construction is underway,
with completion expected in early fall.





The Petersburg Sheriff's Office wants to warn the community about a scam targeting residents in Petersburg and the surrounding areas. Scammers are posing as sheriff's deputies, falsely claiming you've missed a court date or meeting. They demand large sums of money, threatening arrest if you don't comply.

THIS IS A SCAM.

Sheriff Vanessa Crawford stresses that the Sheriff's Office will **NEVER** call to request money for any reason.

Some scammers may even try to intimidate you by saying you'll be arrested if you hang up the phone. **Please don't fall for it!**

What to do: Stay calm. Do NOT give out personal information or send money. Report suspicious calls to the Petersburg Sheriff's Office immediately at (804) 733-2369. Spread the word to protect yourself and others! Stay alert, Petersburg!

Petersburg Sheriff's Office 15th Annual Re-entry Forum

"Second Chance, First Step: Reconnecting with Community, Rebuilding Lives"

September 9, 2025
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Petersburg Public Library in-person or via Zoom.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85047770695?from=addon>

Those attending in person can also visit with service providers and employers before and after the scheduled program. For more information, please call the Petersburg Sheriff's office at (804) 733-2369.



Historic Districts: Preserving Petersburg's Unique Character

Petersburg's historic districts showcase our city's rich heritage and charm. While improvements to homes and commercial properties are encouraged, any exterior changes visible from the public right of way - such as roofing, painting, window replacement, signage, porch modifications, or structural changes—**must be approved by the Architectural Review Board (ARB)** before work begins. Simple repairs or in-kind projects can be approved by the Preservation Planner.

These guidelines protect the character, property values, and architectural integrity of our neighborhoods and business districts. If you own or manage property in a historic district, please contact the Planning Department early to ensure your plans meet city standards.

For more information or to apply:

(804) 733-2308
planning@petersburg-va.org
petersburgva.gov

Together, we can preserve Petersburg's historic charm for future generations.



DID YOU Know

The Assessor's office also has a tax exemption available for properties that do rehabilitation projects - properties in the historic districts qualify for a larger credit.

Visit

<https://www.petersburgva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8943/Rehabilitation-Exemption-Application->



UPCOMING EVENTS



Griffin Lounge Trailways Classic Cruise-In Friday, July 4

10:00 am - 2:00 pm
108 E. Washington Street
Car show with live entertainment

featuring High Definition Band. Free Admission. More info: www.griffinlounge.vip



Community Day Saturday, August 9

10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Petersburg High School
Thanks to a partnership of People's Advantage Federal Credit Union

and Petersburg City Public Schools, this exciting day will bring together families, students, and community members for a celebration full of back-to-school supplies, bounce houses, a job fair, a shred truck, and valuable community resources. There will be food trucks on site, with free meal vouchers available while supplies last, a live DJ, and free haircuts and braid/ponytail styles exclusively for Petersburg residents. It's a day designed to support, celebrate, and uplift our community as we head into a new school year. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1708570813103773>



Unity Festival Saturday, July 26

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Ironworks PVA | 30 W. Old Street
A community celebration with Live Music/ Children activities/ Performance by Akoma de

Gado African Dance Company, DJ Stop the Madness, Food, Vendors and more! FREE admission. Sponsored by Capiku Cultural Performing Arts Center and other community partners. <https://www.facebook.com/culturalperformingart/>



Jazz in the Stacks!

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
July 11 - Kozy Cats Band and Show
August 8 - Sud n Change Band and Show
September 12 - Sounds Funny Band

w/ Micah "Bam Bam" White -
Micah "Bam Bam" White will bring the energy every

show as our MC, keeping the night lively and unforgettable! Location: Petersburg Public Library - 201 W. Washington Street . Mark your calendar, bring your friends, and enjoy an evening of live music in the heart of our Petersburg community! Free admission, beverages available for purchase.



Petersburg Book Fest Saturday, September 13

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Join Resist Booksellers for the inaugural

Petersburg Book Fest – a free, family-friendly celebration of books, culture, and community at Appomattox Regional Governor's School. Enjoy author talks, children's activities, local vendors, and more. All ages welcome. Register for this FREE event today so you don't miss it. Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/petersburg-book-fest-tickets-1251316725009?aff=oddtcreator>



Friday for the Arts!

Friday for the Arts! Is held every 2nd Friday of the month. Visit art galleries, listen to music, and enjoy the work of local creators. www.VisitPetersburgVA.org.



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 – 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 pm.
Planning Commission – 1st Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm.
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board – 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 pm
Economic Development Authority (EDA) – 4th Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm.



Know When Tax Bills Are Due

Real Estate Taxes:

September 30, 2025 | December 31, 2025

March 31, 2026 | June 30, 2026

WATER BILLS:
Due by the 5th of each month

The Department of Planning and Community Development is now accepting online submissions and payments for the following applications:

Home Occupations • Sign Permits • Certificates of Appropriateness
Plats • Site Plans • Rezoning • Special Use Permits

The Department's new online portal allows applicants to easily fill out and pay for applications which are then automatically routed for review by Planning staff. The portal lets applicants know when any attachments are required or if additional steps will be needed for an application.

Scan the QR Code below to access the online application portal.
<https://petersburgvaplanning.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/petersburgvaplanning>

Staff are available to assist with online applications by phone (804) 733-2308 or email PCD@petersburg-va.org and in person at 135 North Union Street, Suite 304.



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. For all information and updates regarding PAT, please visit www.ridepat.com. Dogwood Trace Golf Course is open on all holidays except for Christmas Day.

Independence Day – Friday, July 4 | Labor Day – Monday, September 1



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Join Petersburg's National Night Out on August 5, 2025!



Petersburg Bureau of Police invites Petersburg's neighborhoods and organizations to register their National Night Out event.

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Questions? Please email Captain Carol Adams: cadams@petersburg-va.org

