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Week Ahead – April 20, 2014

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. For more information contact Nicole Loving 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.



Special Architectural Review Board Meeting – April 22

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 22 at 2:00pm beginning at the 200 block of South Jones Street. The ARB will visit properties on South Jones Street, Harrison Street, Pine Street and North West Street. For additional information, call 804-733-2314.

Petersburg City Council Meeting & Work Sessions – April 23, 25, 29

There will be a joint meeting of Petersburg City Council and the Petersburg School Board on Wednesday, April 23 at Petersburg High School, 3101 Johnson Road. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm. Petersburg City Council will hold a work session with Utility and the Commissioner of the Revenue on Friday, April 25 at 2:00pm at Petersburg Station, 100 West Washington Street. A work session on the non-departmental budget will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 2:00pm at Union Station, 103 River Street. For information, contact the Clerk of Council: njackson@petersburg-va.org.

Warner On Your Corner – April 23

On Wednesday, April 23 from 2:00pm to 3:30pm a staff member from Senator Mark Warner’s office will be in Petersburg at Union Train Station, 103 River Street. The Warner staffer will meet with constituents who have specific issues dealing with certain Federal Agencies, such as but not limited to the IRS, Medicare, Social Security, or the United States Postal Service. For more information, visit <http://warner.senate.gov>.

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.



Ward 1 Meetings – April 24

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



- April 24 Robert E. Lee School, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
 - May 3 1200 Acqua Apartments (for apartment residents only), 10:00am - noon
 - May 8 Robert E. Lee School, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- For additional information, call (804) 720-9520.

Petersburg Board of Zoning Appeals – April 24

The Petersburg Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, April 24 at 2:00pm at City Hall Council Chambers, 3rd floor, 135 North Union Street. For additional information, call 804-733-2308. To view the agenda, visit www.petersburgva.gov.

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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Office Hours: M-F 8:30am – 5:00pm

Petersburg Farmers Market – April 26

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.

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.



Prescription Drug Disposal Day – April 26

On Saturday, April 26 from 10:00am to 2:00pm the Petersburg Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its eighth opportunity in three years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Walmart parking lot in Petersburg, 3500 South Crater Road. The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. There will be deputies on-site to take the drugs as you drive-up. For more information, call Sheriff Crawford at 804-733-2369.

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.



VHDA 1st Time Homebuyers Workshops – April 29, May 6 & 20

There will be a VHDA 1st Time Homebuyers workshop for City of Petersburg employees, residents, and veterans on April 29, May 6, and May 20 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Petersburg Station, 2nd floor conference room, 100 Washington Street. No registration is required. For additional information call 804-733-2324.

Petersburg Garden Tour – April 29

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>.

Petersburg Symphony Performance – May 4

The Petersburg Symphony Orchestra will present a spring concert on Sunday, May 4 in the Petersburg High School Auditorium at 5:00pm. The concert, entitled “Olympics to Oscars”, will feature a variety of music associated with both events. The audience will enjoy such pieces as Olympic Fanfare and Theme by John Williams, “Stranger in Paradise” by Borodin, “Firebird” by Stravinsky and “Romeo and Juliet” by Prokiffiev. Additionally some theme songs from movies such as West Side Story, Batman, Dances With Wolves, and Robin Hood to name a few. The very talented saxophonist James Gates will appear with the orchestra and will premiere his special arrangement of “Georgia On My Mind.” Mr. Harold Haughton, a member of the orchestra and a gifted soloist, will sing “The Impossible Dream”, the PSO’s theme song as a tribute to the Symphony’s founder, Dr. F. Nathaniel Gatlin. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased online at www.psova.net or at the box office the day of the concert. For more information call 804-732-0999 or visit www.psova.net.

Tri-Cities Community Band Concert – May 4

The Tri-Cities Community Band will present its Spring Concert on Sunday, May 4 at 3:00pm in Lackey Hall at Christ & Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 S. Sycamore Street. The Spring Concert will feature marches, light band classics, Broadway hits, patriotic music and music from the Big Band era. The concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served during intermission. For more information, please call 804-520-1601 or email irisrick@aol.com.

Week in Review

Petersburg City Council Meeting

Petersburg City Council presented a proclamation on April 15 designating April 2014 as Distracted Driver Prevention Month.



2014 CIAA Tournaments Held in Petersburg

The City of Petersburg hosted the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Women's Softball and Golf Championship Tournaments on April 17 & 18. The golf tournament was played at Dogwood Trace and the softball tournament will be held at the Petersburg Sports Complex.

New Bakery Opens in Old Towne

The Parsley & Moran Bakery is open in the former Java Mio building in Old Towne. Bakery goods and sandwiches are offered. A full service restaurant will soon open along with the bakery.



1781 Battle of Petersburg Reenactment Weekend

The Petersburg Museum and Visitor Services division held the 23rd Annual Revolutionary War Reenactment of the 1781 Battle of Petersburg at historic Battersea on April 19 & 20. Hundreds of people turned out to see the exhibits and the battle re-enactments.



Petersburg Health and Wellness Day & "Egg Hunt"

The City of Petersburg Quality Circle Program sponsored a Health and Wellness Day at the Petersburg Sports Complex on April 19. Activities included health and fitness activities and an Egg Hunt.

