



Petersburg’s New Water Tank and Infrastructure Upgrades Power Growth

A new landmark is rising along I-95 at Wagner Road, and it’s set to power Petersburg’s next chapter. The City’s 2-million-gallon water tank, serving the Southeastern “Poor Creek” area, is on track for completion in November.

Why needed:

- Better water service with increased pressure and storage.
- Improved fire suppression for homes and businesses.
- Capacity to support new development.

The \$9 million water tank is the cornerstone of Petersburg’s larger \$55 million upgrade to the Poor Creek water and wastewater systems, which will allow increased growth around key sites, including:

- The Pharmaceutical Campus.
- Bon Secours Southside Medical Center.
- Live! Casino and Hotel Virginia.
- Other New & Existing Businesses and Neighborhoods.

For years, limited water and wastewater capacity slowed projects. This investment changes that, laying the groundwork for sustainable growth.

What’s included in the broader plan:

- Replacing aging water and wastewater lines.
- Upgrading pump stations.
- Expanding water and wastewater capacity for reliability and future demand.



Leaders at every level have contributed to making this possible, with grant funding from DEQ, VDH, EDA, and EPA, as well as support from the Virginia General Assembly, Governor Glenn Youngkin, and Congresswoman Jennifer McClellan.

“This infrastructure project is a milestone

for Petersburg, which has been needed for over 50 years,” said Mayor Sam Parham. *“Water and wastewater systems are foundational to the growth and sustainability of all communities, supporting residents and businesses, while attracting jobs and new investment.”*

VIDEOS

Watch the water tank progress video:



Mayor Parham gives update on Poor Creek Upgrades:



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Petersburg City Public Schools Focuses on Reducing Chronic Absenteeism

PCPS Introduces New Efforts to Encourage Student Attendance Division-Wide



In collaboration with the Petersburg City School Board, there is a division-wide focus to reduce chronic absenteeism in our school division. We have instituted a data-driven structure that allows us to track chronic absenteeism rates and implement strategies to address the root causes. Additionally, we implemented a new system of accountability and support for schools. We know that our students learn best when they attend school every day. We will continue our focus to transform opportunities, learning, and success so that our students graduate with a life filled with choices.

Superintendent Yolonda Brown

A major focus area for Petersburg City Public Schools (PCPS) is to improve attendance rates and decrease chronic absenteeism this school year. Overall, PCPS achieved a slight improvement in attendance last school year. At the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year, PCPS reduced chronic absenteeism by one percentage point.

PCPS is implementing a new System of Support and Accountability, along with an attendance campaign, to advance the School Division's goal of reducing chronic absenteeism.

The 2025-2026 PCPS attendance campaign is ***Every Student, Every Day, Matters!***

PCPS will communicate the importance of consistent attendance to families through this campaign by sharing vital facts about attendance, such as missing 10 percent or about two days each month over the course of a school year can make it harder for students to learn to read and students can fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks (*Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early, Attendance Works*).

The Systems of Support and Accountability will address chronic absenteeism through the following strategies:

- Attendance data will be collected and analyzed at the division level by the Data, Assessment, and Accountability department on a weekly basis and it will be shared with school principals. In turn, principals will share their attendance analysis reports with their attendance teams on a weekly basis.
- PCPS is building an “attendance dashboard,” which will be a joint ownership for data and transparency. Principals will lead weekly attendance meetings with key staff who will manage the progress of their respective school’s attendance goals.
- School-based attendance teams will meet weekly to discuss goals, strategies, and metrics outlined in their school improvement plan. Attendance teams consist of a PCPS school principal, administrator, teachers, school nurse, social worker, school counselor, attendance monitors, and a truancy officer.
- PCPS will facilitate regular school visits to monitor the attendance team and to provide support around implementation. Training will be provided for attendance teams to improve practices.
- Finally, schools that meet goals to reduce chronic absenteeism and increase weekly student attendance, will be recognized by the School Division.



How can the Petersburg community help?

Support daily attendance for every student! Parents, guardians, family members, and the community at large can support the habit of good attendance for students by:

- ✓ Setting a regular bed time
- ✓ Laying out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- ✓ Developing backup plans for arriving to school on time
- ✓ Scheduling appointments and vacations outside of regular school time
- ✓ Introducing students to their new teachers and classmates to reduce stress and anxiety. (*Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early, Attendance Works*)

Live! Casino & Hotel Virginia Update

Petersburg residents have probably seen the large white tent off Wagner Road. This will be home to the temporary Live! Casino Virginia and will feature 900 slot machines, 33 live table games, a quick-serve restaurant, and Live! bar. While the permanent casino and hotel are being built, this temporary casino will bring hundreds of jobs to our city.

Live! has also leased the old Pepsi building located at 1501 W. Washington Street. This space will serve as their recruitment center and will be where Live! Team Members go for new job orientation and training.

Richard Bland College, in sponsorship with Live! Casino Virginia will begin their Dealer Institute. This certification course will get students certified for dealing blackjack and other casino table games. Enrollment is free; however, you must be 21+, pass a basic math assessment, and purchase a blackjack kit for \$50. Visit www.rbc.edu/rbc-dealer-institute.



Live! Casino Virginia Announces Additional Executive Team Members



Yanina De Vargas



Trish Tuck



Cheryl Brown

Yanina De Vargas has been appointed Chief Financial Officer for Live! Casino Virginia. Ms. De Vargas has extensive experience in overseeing property-wide financial operations, capital planning, and organizational alignment.

Trish Tuck has been named Vice President of Human Resources. Ms. Tuck brings years of HR experience to her new role and is committed to building a strong workforce and collaborative culture to Live! Virginia.

Cheryl Brown, who has lived in Virginia for over 20 years and has worked for Live! Casino since 2019, has been promoted to Vice President of Marketing for the Virginia property. Ms. Brown is a seasoned professional with over 25 years of experience in marketing leadership.

Travel Inn Demolition Marks New Chapter for Petersburg Gateway

The City of Petersburg has been awarded a \$750,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Industrial Revitalization Fund to demolish the long-vacant Travel Inn on East Washington Street. This initiative is part of a broader effort to eliminate blighted properties and revitalize key corridors throughout the City.

The Travel Inn, situated near Interstate 95, has been closed for several years due to safety violations and structural deterioration. Its removal aligns with Petersburg's ongoing commitment to community renewal and economic development.

The demolition is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.



Know Your Flood Risk: Protecting Petersburg Homes and Property



The City of Petersburg recently experienced severe flooding – potentially equivalent to a 500-year flood in some areas. But who experienced the most flooding, and why? FEMA has created flood maps that show the expected extent of floods. The City of Petersburg participates in the National Flood Insurance Program based on these maps. This allows at-risk homeowners to purchase flood insurance, when otherwise many insurance companies would not cover them. Even renters can get the contents of their home insured against floods.

It also means that Petersburg and its citizens must follow special rules when developing in the floodplain or if your existing property lies within the floodplain boundary.

Did you know?

No new structures are allowed to be built within 10 feet of the floodplain, and development such as land disturbance, paving, and storing equipment or materials requires a permit. Don't wait until the next big storm to determine your flood risk and get insured! Learn more about your property and floodplain development at Petersburg-va.org/floodplain, or scan the QR code.

Be Prepared! Hurricane Season continues through November 30

The Atlantic hurricane season, which includes Central Virginia, officially runs from June 1 to November 30, but the risk of a serious weather event is at its peak in Central Virginia between mid-August and mid-October. While Central Virginia isn't directly on the coast, it can still experience impacts from tropical storms and hurricanes, with an average of one tropical storm or its remnants affecting the state annually. Hurricanes, although less frequent, are expected to impact the state every 2.3 years on average.

Know your risk

Central Virginia can experience dangerous flooding, destructive winds, and tornadoes when a hurricane makes landfall. Flooding is the most dangerous risk and can be caused quickly by excessive rainfall. In the high heat of August and September, hurricanes can also cause power outages that expose residents to extreme heat conditions in their own homes.

Stay Informed. Build a Kit. Make a Plan. Be Prepared.

Visit the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) website to learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones during hurricanes and other disasters. VDEM provides essential resources to help you:

- Stay Informed through emergency alerts and weather updates.
- Build an Emergency Kit with supplies to last at least 72 hours.
- Make a Family Emergency Plan so everyone knows what to do.
- Be Prepared for any disaster or emergency that may affect your area.

Don't wait for a crisis, start preparing today. Visit www.vaemergency.gov for more information and tools to help you stay safe.



Emergency Alerts

Sign up for Emergency Alerts from the National Weather Service and City of Petersburg. If you have a smart phone, you can also check to make sure you have the alert feature switched on through Settings > Notifications.



National Weather Service



City of Petersburg

Bon Secours Center for Healthy Living



Two years ago, leaders at Bon Secours Health System were dreaming of a space in Petersburg where they could bring a full array of community-based health services and programs. They became aware of a vacant office space across from Southside Medical Center. Although it was filled with disused cubicles and dusty furniture, the vision of a Petersburg Center for Healthy Living was born. Based on the principles of health, hope, inclusion and hospitality, the Center is now fully staffed and operational after more than a year of renovation and community collaboration.

Located in the Southside Medical Office Building 2, across Medical Boulevard from Southside Medical Center, the Petersburg Center for Healthy Living is a unique space that combines clinical care with community connection. It is home to a diverse array of free health services, wellness programs, and community building events, including:

- Primary health care services to

the uninsured, including physical examinations and chronic disease management support through weekly Care-a-Van clinics.

- Vaccinations, health screenings and health education programs.
- Wellness programs, healthy cooking and disease management classes and support groups.

The Center's large education space is open for any community organization to use. Outfitted with advanced technology, the space can support a wide range of activities, from in-person and virtual meetings to education and wellness programs.



From Left to Right:
 Marnae Smith - Certified Community Health Worker for the Violence Response Team
 Brenda Gonzalez - Healthy Communities Coordinator for the Petersburg Center for Healthy Living
 Dawn Burkart - Registered Nurse for IVNA (Instructive Visiting Nurses Association)
 Loretta Simmons-Jackson - Certified Community Health Worker for Violence Response Team

To learn more about the Center, its schedule of clinics and services, or schedule a tour, please call: (804) 964-8702
Bon Secours Petersburg Center for Healthy Living 3335 South Crater Rd | Suite 100 | Petersburg, Virginia 23805

Updates from River Street Market and the Market at PPL

There's still time to register for the **Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program!** Sign up by September 30th to get \$50 to spend on produce with authorized farmers at River Street Market and other local farmers markets.

Register here: FarmMarketFresh.org



River Street Farmers Market will **DOUBLE** your SNAP EBT or SunBucks



The Market at PPL (Petersburg Public Library) continues to expand its inventory of delicious fresh food and local products. Pick up a wrap for lunch, or prepared salads and cheese, or check out the

freezer for local meats and Richlands Ice Cream. Also sold here – local eggs, milk, kombucha, pasta, grains, sauces, plant-based items... just to name a few! Get 50% off ALL fresh fruit & veggie purchases at Market at PPL with your SNAP EBT or SunBucks card every day! Hours are 10 am to 6 pm, Monday – Thursday inside the first floor of Petersburg Public Library.

dollars with **MATCHING** fruits & veggie bucks every Saturday! The market is year-round and a perfect way to start your weekend. Support your local farmers and makers from 9 am – 12 pm every Saturday at the corner of River Street and Cockade Alley.

DOUBLE MATCH DAYS

Every \$1 Spent with **SNAP** OR **SUNBUCKS** Gets \$2 in **FREE Produce!**



When:
 Saturdays
 September 27th
 November 22nd



River Street Market
 Saturdays, 9am-12pm
 30 River St, Petersburg, VA 23803
www.RiverStreetMarket.com

SNAP Match sponsored by **VIRGINIA FRESH MATCH**

Petersburg's 2025 Summer Internship Program

This year's program provided over 110 high school and college students with immersive experiences across nearly every City department, complemented by enriching workshops that enhanced their professional and personal development. Interns also explored local higher education options through tours of Richard Bland College and Virginia State University.

A notable highlight was an entrepreneurship workshop at Union Train Station, led by Master Commissioner of the Revenue Brittany Flowers and her team. Interns developed comprehensive business concepts and enjoyed lunch from local food truck Perry's Corner whose owner also shared her inspiring entrepreneurial journey. Mayor Sam Parham, City Manager March Altman, and Master Treasurer Paul Mullin also stopped by the entrepreneurship session to cheer on the interns and offer encouragement.

A number of the interns had the opportunity to work at Walmart on South Crater Road, with several securing permanent part-time positions, allowing them to continue gaining work experience during the school year.

Workshops hosted by Virginia Works and the Department of Human Resources focused on resume building, interview preparation, and navigating the professional world. A financial literacy session with People's Advantage Federal Credit Union equipped interns with essential skills in budgeting, saving, and credit management.

HR Director Delvont'e Frenzley remarked, "The dedication and enthusiasm from our interns has been remarkable. Their commitment underscores the bright future of Petersburg." Deputy City Manager Kenneth Miller added, "This program exemplifies workforce development in action, creating pathways for youth to envision careers in public service and beyond."

Thank you to all City staff, community leaders, and local businesses who contributed to this valuable learning experience. Together, we are shaping the future of Petersburg, one intern at a time.

Looking ahead, the 2026 Summer Internship Program is set to return, with recruitment beginning in January.



I try to get the kids to see the potential we all see in them.
Xavier Allen,
Juvenile Crime Control

My connection with the summer camp kids, and seeing their needs, made me believe I should consider beginning my teaching career in Petersburg
Naliah Pegram, Recreation, Special Events, & Volunteerism



It's been fun to teach kids from the same school as I went to, I have no plans to leave Petersburg and have really enjoyed the internship program.
Traveon Harris, Recreation, Special Events, & Volunteerism

It's great to see what I learn in a textbook at school come to life.
Jeremiah Wilkins,
Finance



I plan to own multiple businesses so it has been great making connections, interviewing business owners, and learning about their challenges.
Jayda Staton,
Economic Development

This experience has been more meaningful than an ordinary summer job because I'm learning things that I'll need for my career.
Seth Franzyshe,
Planning

I didn't know how many parts and pieces there were to running a city, just in Public Works alone.
Kalil Knight,
Public Works

After 4 years in the program, I realize that each year I carry skill sets from the previous year and can sharpen and expand on them.
Paris Mason,
Treasurer's Office



ELECTION INFORMATION

November 4, 2025

Offices on the Ballot

State: Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General

Legislative: House of Delegates

Local: Commonwealth Attorney, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurer.

Important Dates to Remember:

September 19: Early Voting begins in-person and any Absentee applications on file will be mailed a ballot

October 24: Deadline to Register or update existing registration (name & address) and to request an Absentee ballot to be mailed to you

October 25: Same Day Registration begins - only voting Provisionally, marked ballot goes into an envelope and not in voting machine

October 25: Saturday, open 9 am – 5 pm for voting

November 1: Saturday, open 9 am – 5 pm for voting

November 4: Election Day, Polls open 6 am – 7 pm, bring ID

All voter registration and absentee ballot voting forms can be completed online at www.vote.virginia.gov or in the Voter Registration Office located at 229 N. Market Street, Petersburg VA 23803.

Every polling place is handicap accessible, there are parking spaces and a telephone number for each polling place to call and advise that you need assistance if over age 65 or disabled. It is not a quick drive-thru service so please be patient, they come when available to assist.

Absentee voting is recommended, as after you complete the form, we mail the ballots to your home once ready on September 19, and you vote when it's convenient for you. Stamped self-addressed envelope is provided to mail it in, or you can drop the ballot back off in the drop boxes outside and inside the Elections Office.

You can check your polling location online at www.vote.virginia.gov or call the Petersburg office. Please note, we anticipate one polling place change before the November Election. Every voter will be mailed a new Voter ID card to advise of such a change. Stay aware.

QUESTIONS?

Email: Vote@petersburg-va.org or **call:** (804) 733-8071

Voter Registration Main Office: 229 N. Market Street, Petersburg, VA 23803

Regular office hours are Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm (closed 12 – 1 pm)

Petersburg Welcomes New City Arborist

The City of Petersburg is pleased to announce the appointment of Janine Lester as City Arborist, a position funded by a grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry through September 30, 2026. Ms. Lester brings deep expertise as a Board-Certified Master Arborist, Municipal Specialist, and Qualified Tree Risk Assessor, and is notably the only female Master Arborist in Virginia.

Already, Ms. Lester has taken on two major initiatives that will benefit the community: the finalization of Petersburg's tree ordinance

and the rollout of a street-by-street public tree inventory, with field crews actively mapping our urban canopy.

Residents are invited to stay informed and involved - if you have questions or ideas about Petersburg's trees, please reach out to Ms. Lester at jlester@petersburg-va.org.



Faith in Blue

Saturday, October 18
(Rain Date: October 26)

Hosted by the City of Petersburg Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Police, Commonwealth Attorney's Office, and Faith leaders, this annual event aims to create safer and stronger communities by connecting law enforcement officers with the residents they protect and serve. All are welcome to enjoy a great afternoon of entertainment, food, and fun at the Petersburg Sports Complex from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. For more information, call (804) 733-2369.



City of Petersburg Community Corrections presents the second annual **Celebrating Recovery & Saving Lives Event** on Wednesday, September 24, from 11 am – 5 pm, inside and outside the Petersburg Public Library at 201 W. Washington Street. A special FREE event to celebrate and support those on their recovery journey as well as for loved ones looking for resources to help someone struggling with substance use dependence. All are welcome.

Petersburg Welcomes New Businesses!



America's Home Place

3333 S. Crater Road, Ste A
(804) 518-2002



Burks Phlebotomy On The Go, LLC

21 Walnut Boulevard, Ste 6
(833) 287-5746



Metta Home

116 S. Sycamore Street, Ste C
(804) 979-5201



No Weak Days Fight Academy

416 3rd Street, Ste E
(804) 216-2178



Safety First: Protecting People is the Future of Industry

As manufacturing grows in communities like Petersburg, one thing must remain constant: the safety of the people driving progress. At ANSA McAL Group, a Caribbean-born company with over 30 operating companies in 11 countries, safety isn't just a checklist. It's a strategic imperative woven into daily operations.

We've seen real improvements by making safety a leadership priority. Programs like "Lead Safe – Achieve Safety Excellence" and our Safe System of Work (SSOW) training are part of a larger Safety Management System that includes digital tracking, site audits, and team involvement at every level.

At BLEACHTECH, a U.S.-based chemicals company specializing in advanced water treatment and sanitization, acquired by ANSA McAL in 2024, monthly emergency drills, Toolbox Talks, and local partnerships with the City of Petersburg Bureau of Police



and Fire Department have helped make safety a culture, not just compliance.

From leadership to communications, we align words and actions to reflect our belief: safety is a daily promise to our people and our communities. As Petersburg looks to grow its industrial base, we share this not as a boast, but as a challenge.

Let's build workplaces where people feel protected, respected, and empowered. Because nothing we build is more valuable than the people behind it.



PETERSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
COME. DISCOVER
THE WONDER WITHIN YOU.

Petersburg Public Library Update

It's not too late to join the Adult Book Challenge... It's continuing through October!

Challenge Rules:

1. Must have a library card
2. Must be 18 years or older
3. Must check out 3 or more books for each stamp
4. For each stamp, your receipt goes into the prize bag of your choosing

Have you checked out our Art Exhibits?

We highlight different artists each month.

Final Jazz in the Stacks night of 2025!

September 12, 2025 – Sounds Funny Band with Micah "Bam Bam"

White | Doors open at 6 pm.



Check out our FREE classes

Computer Classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Join our introduction to Microsoft 365 classes and uplevel your skills!

Yoga with Belinda – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 4 pm

Toning with Toya – Wednesdays at 6 pm

Chair Fitness with Tiffany – Thursdays at 12 pm

Find out more at
www.ppls.org



Petersburg Healthy Hearts Learning Collaborative Promotes Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure

In May 2025, Mayor Samuel Parham formally presented a proclamation to Petersburg Healthy Hearts Learning Collaborative that officially designates Petersburg the first city in the United States to be named a “Healthy Hearts City.” This milestone underscores the City’s commitment to addressing heart disease and stroke, which together accounted for roughly 22% of all deaths in the City during 2022-2023, according to Virginia Department of Health data.

High blood pressure, or hypertension, is often a silent condition—and in Petersburg nearly 45.3% of adults are affected, placing the City among the highest in Virginia and highlighted by the CDC as a priority area. With nearly half the adult population living with hypertension, the need for awareness and action is urgent.

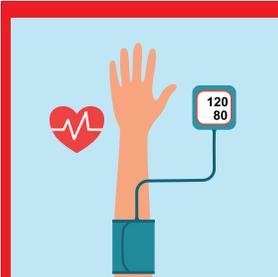
The resident-led Petersburg Healthy Hearts

Learning Collaborative brings together neighborhood residents from census tracts with the highest hypertension rates. While the Collaborative drives the vision and programming, the Virginia Department of Health provides essential support: training, data insights, leadership development, outreach tools, and digital infrastructure. Its priorities include increasing blood pressure self-monitoring among African American adults 45+, expanding Heart Healthy Ambassador training for African American adults 18+, offering wellness programs, improving access to nutritious food, and targeting structural challenges like housing and transportation.

Early activities include the Petersburg Healthy Hearts Walking Club at Poplar Lawn Park, a community-led weekly walk supported by the City, promoting movement, social connection, and heart



health awareness. The Collaborative has also established Heart Health Hubs in senior highrise buildings, churches, and partnering community institutions, providing fresh produce from Shalom Farms, self-monitoring support, and programs like “Moms Under Pressure.” Chair of the Collaborative, Zelda Tucker-Dugger explains, “All of the activities are coordinated and led by the Learning Collaborative members.”



Take action today: Self-monitor your blood pressure at home, it’s a simple, lifesaving habit. Receive a free blood pressure cuff, a daily health tracker, and consider training to become a Heart Healthy Ambassador and help neighbors manage heart risk. Learn about hypertension’s health impact and how prevention, lifestyle changes, and consistent monitoring can dramatically improve outcomes.

Want to learn more?

Visit the Petersburg Healthy Hearts Learning Collaborative webpage here: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/heart-disease/petersburg-healthy-hearts-initiative/> or contact Victoria Sanders, the VDH Cardiovascular Coordinator for Central Region at Victoria.sanders@vdh.virginia.gov



Important Reminder for SNAP Customers

DOWNLOAD THE APP AND LOCK YOUR EBT CARD 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.

CITYWIDE CLEANUP September 27, 2025

It’s that time of year! Do you have old appliances, trash or other bulky items you would like to get rid of during the Citywide Cleanup? YOU have an opportunity to DUMP YOUR JUNK for FREE on Sept. 27, 2025.



Department of Recreation, Special Events, & Volunteerism



Winter Youth Basketball Registration

Divisions:

- Co-Ed: Ages 4-6, 7-8
- Boys: Ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-15
- Girls: Ages 9-11, 12-15

Registration Dates:

October 6 - November 14

Fees:

- Petersburg Residents: \$30
- Non-Residents: \$40

Note: Older divisions will travel to compete with teams from surrounding localities.

Late Registration:

Begins November 17 - Until Filled
Additional \$10 late fee applies

Important Info:

- No online registration.
- Contact our office for more information or to register:

(804) 324-4015

recreation@petersburg-va.org

TRUNK-A-TREAT

4 pm - 7 pm | Saturday, October 25, 2025 | Petersburg Sports Complex



UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR OUR YOUTH

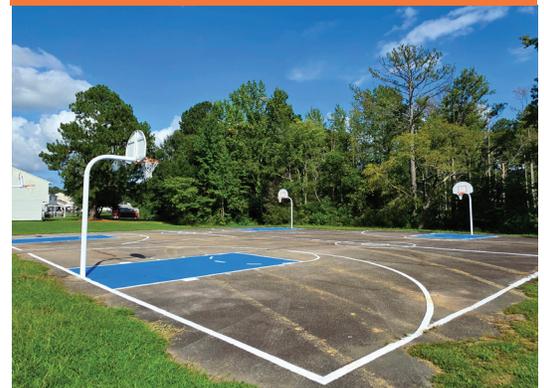
Legends Park Adaptive Playground



Legends Park Splash Pad



Berkeley Manor Park basketball courts have been freshly painted.



Upcoming Senior Trips

Participation requires registration as an active member in our Senior Program. Registration deadline is one week prior to the trip unless stated otherwise.

September 17: Cinema Café Movie (TBA) - \$10.00

TBD: State Fair of Virginia - \$10.00

October 15: Cinema Café Movie (TBA) - \$10.00

November 12: Carolina Premium Outlets - \$10.00 (Register by October 25)

November 19: Senior Thanksgiving Social - Free

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS - IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Are you interested in holding a Special Event in the City of Petersburg or using a Park for a Family Reunion or Birthday Celebration? We love providing great spaces for the community to gather and enjoy, but please remember that you must first apply for a special event permit through our department. You can find out more details here: <https://petersburgva.gov/899/Special-Events> or please email Ms. Janell Sinclair at jasinclair@petersburg-va.org if you have any questions. Thank you!



Petersburg Book Fest Saturday, September 13

8 am – 5 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 and local vendors. www.petersburgbookfest.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



Artoberfest Saturday, October 18 (Rain date October 25)

Fun, food, art, & music...a free and family-friendly community event from 3 pm



– 7 pm at Petersburg Harbor Park. For more information: www.VisitPetersburgVA.org



Petersburg Restaurant Week Saturday, September 13 – Saturday, September 20

Hosted by Main Street Petersburg, all are invited to experience the vast array of culinary delights in our downtown area. Special menus are being cooked up and curated – come experience our ever-expanding food scene! For more information, follow Main Street Petersburg, Inc. on Facebook.



Friday for the Arts! Every 2nd Friday of the month

Visit art galleries, listen to music, and enjoy the work of local creators. www.VisitPetersburgVA.org



Festival of Grapes and Hops September 20

This annual event showcases the area's best wine and beer along with music, vendors, and food trucks at the Petersburg Harbor from 11 am – 6 pm.



To find out more and to purchase tickets visit www.grapesandhopsPetersburg.com.



All Hallow's Eve Saturday, October 25

This popular annual event at Blandford Cemetery features costumed interpreters who tell their stories about the spirits



who rest there. Tours occur every 20 minutes beginning at 6 pm, with the last tour at 8 pm. Learn more and buy tickets at www.VisitPetersburgVA.org



FOLAR'S Annual Paddle Battle September 27

Race or leisurely paddle downstream from Rotary Park in Petersburg to the Hopewell Marina at this great annual event from 7 am – 1:30 pm.



For more information and to register, visit: <https://folar-va.org/events/paddlebattle/>



Battersea Oyster Roast & Barbecue Saturday, November 1

This annual event always sells out! Enjoy Oysters and Barbecue on the



lawn at Battersea from 1 pm- 4 pm. For more information and tickets, visit www.Batterseafound.org or follow @batterseavilla on Instagram for updates.

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>

Pull Trash and Recycling Carts Off the Curb

All refuse and recycling receptacles need to be removed from city property and rights-of-way no later than 7 am on the day following collection, and returned by the occupant to a location not visible from the street. 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.



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

Online payments can be made through the payment portal at petersburgva.gov, which allows taxpayers the option to pay their Utility, Personal Property and Real Estate accounts from the comfort of their own home.

For questions regarding online payments please email: treasurer@petersburg-va.org or call (804) 733-2322.

Failure to receive a bill does not relieve you of additional charges that accrue for failure to pay by the due date. If you have not received a bill at least two weeks in advance of the deadlines listed, please call the Customer Care and Collections Department at (804) 733-2346 option 1 to request a copy of your bill.



UPCOMING OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

All Petersburg City Government offices will be closed on the listed holidays; however, PAT buses operate on regular schedules on the below holidays, except for November 26 and 27 (Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day), when there will be no service in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Indigenous Peoples' Day - Monday, October 13 | Election Day - Tuesday, November 4 | Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11
Wednesday, November 26 - City offices open until noon | Thanksgiving Day - November 27 | Thanksgiving Break - November 28**



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Blandford Reunion Parade



Sheriff Crawford is hosting the Annual Blandford Reunion Parade on Saturday, September 13 at 9 am in the Historic Blandford neighborhood.



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