



# CITY OF PETERSBURG COMMUNICATIONS

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## Week Ahead -May 4, 2014

### Petersburg City Council Meeting - May 6

Petersburg City Council will meet Tuesday, May 6. Council Meetings are held at Union Train Station, 103 River Street, with closed session beginning at 6:30pm and the regular meeting beginning at 7:30pm. For more information, call the Clerk of Council at 804-733-2323. To view the complete agenda packet, visit [www.petersburgva.gov](http://www.petersburgva.gov)

### VHDA 1<sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyers Workshops - May 6, 20

There will be a "FREE" VHDA 1st Time Homebuyer Series Workshop for City of Petersburg employees and residents. Also, there will be a Lender with Grant Funds available for Veterans. The workshop will be held 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 contact Bruce Richardson, Sr. at 804-641-7424.

### Chamber Business over Lunch - Best Employer Right Here in our Region: State Farm

Join the Chamber for Lunch on May 6, 11:45 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Peoples Advantage Federal Credit Union, 110 Wagner Road, Petersburg, Va 23805. Fees/Admission: \$12-member lunch and \$15 - non member lunch. Guest Speaker Cindy Elgin, State Farm Insurance- One of the best employers in the country! How can you benefit, refer or become a State Farm Employee? Contact members services for additional information, 804-733-8131.

### Virginia Cooperative Extension Celebrating 100 Years - May 8

The public is invited to celebrate with the Virginia Cooperative Extension local faculty and staff at the Petersburg Extension facility, on Thursday, May 8 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and displays will showcase programs that are changing lives on a local, state and national level. Petersburg City Manager, William E. Johnson, III will be the guest speaker and recognition will be given to volunteers,

**Celebrating 100 YEARS**

In 2014, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension System, a national network of educators who extend university research and knowledge to the people. This includes Virginia Cooperative Extension, which is based in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of Natural Resources and Environment, and the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine.

**You are invited to help us celebrate this milestone!**

**Virginia Cooperative Extension  
City of Petersburg  
Centennial Showcase**

**Thursday, May 8, 2014  
2:00—4:00 p.m.**

Petersburg Department of Social Services  
2nd Floor Conference Room

Petersburg City Manager, William E. Johnson, III, will open our session as the guest speaker. Recognition will be given to our volunteers, partners and contributors for their continuous support. Come out and enjoy refreshments as you visit with your local Extension faculty and staff members. Showcased displays will inform you about the people and programs that are extending knowledge and changing lives in the City of Petersburg and across the Commonwealth of Virginia, the country, and the world.

Please R.S.V.P. by May 5, 2014  
804-733-1880 or email [stanifer@vt.edu](mailto:stanifer@vt.edu)

For more information:  
[www.vce.vt.edu/news/centennial-news.html](http://www.vce.vt.edu/news/centennial-news.html)

If you are a person with a disability and there are access issues, contact the Petersburg Cooperative Extension office at 804-733-1880 during business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays) or email [stanifer@vt.edu](mailto:stanifer@vt.edu).

100th Anniversary 804-658-1128

partners, and contributors for their continuous support. For additional information, contact Sharon Mallory or Katina Kirby, 804-733-1880. You may also visit <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/petersburg>

## Museums & Visitors Services Events

### Petersburg Before the Siege, Speech and Walking tour - May 9



Mr. Thomas Branch, the City of Petersburg's representative to the Virginia Secession Convention will speak on the steps of the Exchange Building. After his speech, a walking tour of Old Towne Petersburg focusing on its role in the state, its architecture, industry and life style. Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Location: Siege Museum and free to the public.

### New Market Battle Commemoration - May 15 visit [www.petersburgva.gov](http://www.petersburgva.gov)

Honoring Virginia Military Institute Cadet A.C. Hartsfield. Location: Memorial Hill, Blandford Cemetery, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### Introduction to the Civil War, Walking Tour - May 17

Explored the people and places embroiled in the Siege of Petersburg, the targeted significant events in the almost 10 month Siege of Petersburg. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Location: Visitor Center, free to the public

### Reverberations, Memorial Illumination - May 24

In cooperation with the NPS Cemeteries. The lights are a poignant commemoration of the local impact and loss of citizen soldiers and those who died far from home during the Civil War. Location: Memorial Hill, Blandford Cemetery, free to the public, 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Petersburg Farmers Market - May 10, 17, 24, 31

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.



### Mother's Day Lunch - May 11

Enjoy Mother's Day Lunch at the Black Swan Restaurant.

This is a fundraiser for the Southside Virginia Council of the Arts. For additional information, please visit [www.southsidevirginiaarts.org](http://www.southsidevirginiaarts.org)

### Save the Date: Spring Career Fair - May 14

Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, City of Petersburg and Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) Tri-Cities presents a SPING CAREER FAIR, May 14, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 2223 S. Crater Road. Register for additional resources at [www.VAWC.virginia.gov](http://www.VAWC.virginia.gov)

**Spring Career Fair**  
May 14th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Good Shepherd Baptist Church  
2223 S Crater Rd, Petersburg, VA

**Attention Job Seekers!**  
Bring your resume and Dress to impress. Meet with over 35 top companies, All actively HIRING, including:  
VDOT Perdue Merit Medical  
Amazon International Paper ABM Industries  
Virginia Linen ACE Hardware Warehouse  
WALMART Distribution SELECT Staffing  
(Other Career Opportunities: IT, Administrative, Retail, Medical, Law Enforcement and State/Local Government. +MANY OTHERS!)

Register for additional resources at: [www.VAWC.virginia.gov](http://www.VAWC.virginia.gov)  
Collaborative effort by: The City of Petersburg, Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) Tri-Cities

## **SAVE THE DATE: City-Wide Cleanup - May 17**

The Annual City Wide Cleanup will be held Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Citizens can conveniently dispose their household/yard waste. Educational information regarding Container First Services and the City's Stormwater Management Program (MS-4 permit) will be available. The Clean-up stations include the following school parking lots: A.P. Hill Elementary, J.E.B. Stuart Elementary, Peabody Middle, Petersburg High, Petersburg School Board administrative offices, Pittman Annex and Robert E. Lee Elementary. Please visit [www.petersburgva.gov](http://www.petersburgva.gov) under Petersburg News for additional information.

## **New Red Light Monitoring Intersection in Petersburg**



The company, REDFLEX has installed another red light camera in Petersburg at the intersection of Jefferson and Wythe Streets. Please note, the technology is violator funded at a rate of \$50 per infraction. Violators will be mailed a \$50.00 citation with photo documentation of the offense. Violators have an option to pay or contest the citation in court. The system is now

operating but citizens will have an amnesty period through midnight May 31, 2014 in which during that period tickets will not be issued. For additional information, please contact Esther Hyatt, 804-479-6248, 37 Tabb Street, P. O. Box 2109, Petersburg, Virginia 23804.

## **Nikki Giovanni at New Millennium Studios - May 18**

Nikki Giovanni is a world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, educator and activist. She is one of the most widely-read American poets. Over the course of more than three decades of publishing and lecturing - she's now called by many a "National Treasure". Please join Nikki Giovanni for an evening of Spoken Word at 5:00 p.m. at New Millennium Studios, 1 New Millennium Drive, Petersburg, Virginia 23895-8907. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$15 for military/students.

## **Petersburg Parks & Leisure Services Summer Program - "Fun & Fitness"**

Summer Time is just a few weeks away and the Parks & Leisure Services Department invites all city youth ages 6 thru 13 to dive into a quality summer recreation program where they will participate in many "Fun & Fitness" activities - tennis, fishing, walking club, dance, gardening, golf, fitness and nutrition sessions. The program operates from June 23-August 14, 2014. For additional information please visit [www.petersburgva.gov](http://www.petersburgva.gov)

## Memorial Day to Delay CVWMS Collections



Central Virginia Waste  
Management Authority

There will be no curbside recycling or trash collection on Memorial Day (Monday, May 26). RED WEEK curbside recyclers in Ashland, Goochland, Henrico, and cities of Petersburg and Richmond will have a **ONE DAY DELAY** in curbside collection due to the holiday. Collections the week of May 26-30 will take place on the day following the normal collection day through Saturday. Trash collections the week of May 26 in Ashland, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, and Petersburg will also occur on the day following the normal collection day through Saturday. Please call the Recycling Hotline at 894-340-0900 or the Trash Collection Hotline at 804-425-0500 for more information.

## Available for Adoption

Just imagine at two years of age he's charismatic, energetic, friendly, highly trained, healthy and lovable. This adorable, mixed breed canine could be your best friend. Please contact Petersburg Animal Care and Control at 804-732-3654.



## Petersburg Police-Summer Enrichment Program

The Summer Enrichment Program is a partnership between the Petersburg Bureau of Police, Virginia State University

and the Petersburg Faith Based Community.

The program will service children between the ages of seven and twelve who reside in the City of Petersburg. The program is designed to provide Petersburg's Youth with a safe environment to participate in wide variety of sports and activities. For additional information, please visit [www.petersburg-police.com](http://www.petersburg-police.com)

A colorful flyer for the 2014 Petersburg Police Summer Youth Enrichment Program. The flyer features a yellow background with a large red and yellow pencil graphic. Text on the flyer includes: 'Fun', 'Free', 'Educational', '2014 Petersburg Police Summer Youth Enrichment Program', 'June 30th - July 31st Mon-Thurs. 7:30am-3:30pm', 'Applications will be available and accepted: May 1st-16th at Police Department, 37 E. Tabb Street or online: www.petersburg-police.com', 'Completed applications shall be submitted NLT May 16th by Email: [pclement@petersburg-police.com](mailto:pclement@petersburg-police.com) Fax: 804-863-2763 or dropped off to the front desk of the Police Department', 'Ages 7-12 \* City Residents Only \* Transportation available\*', 'Contact Person: Officer Clement 804 732-4222 or [pclement@petersburg-police.com](mailto:pclement@petersburg-police.com) (quick response to emails)', and 'Trips'. There are also logos for the Petersburg Police Department and Virginia State University.

## Facade Grant for Commercial Properties within The Central Business District

The facade grant offers a reimbursement grant of up to \$5000 for the enhancement work done to the facade of commercial properties within the Central Business District (Downtown) Enterprise Zone. The grant reimburses half of hard cost for facade work or \$5,000 whichever is less. For additional information, please contact the Petersburg Office of Economic Development, 804-733-2352

**SAVE THE DATE: Joint Ward 3 Meeting - May 19**

Councilman Kenneth M. Pritchett will hold a Joint Ward 3 meeting with School Board Chair Kenneth L. Pritchett, Monday, May 19, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Vernon Johns Junior High School.

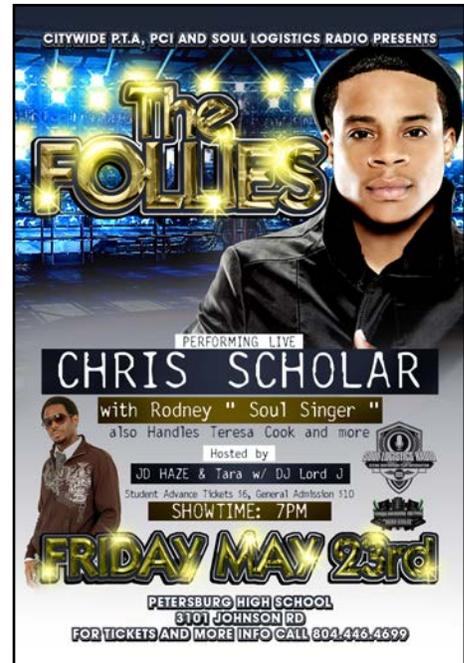
**Official Website - City of Petersburg**

Please visit our website [www.petersburgva.gov](http://www.petersburgva.gov) The goal of the website is to increase citizen engagement, government accountability and operational efficiencies. There is a special feature on the website "Notify Me" this feature allows the citizen to register for the Notify Me Program. This feature will allow you to insert your email address and/or your cell phone number. Once, you've completed this process you will be able to receive alerts from the City of Petersburg. Example: Emergency Alerts, Week Ahead Alerts, Street Closures, Job Postings, weather alerts and much more.



**SAVE THE DATE: Petersburg Follies is back with a Makeover - May 23**

This event will feature top artist Chris Scholar and Petersburg's own Rodney "Soul Singer" Stith and lots more. The event will be hosted by JD Hayes and Tara Anderson. This event supports the Citywide Petersburg PTA and to provide safe and fun entertainment for our city youth. . Support this upcoming event, you don't want to miss it!



## Week in Review



### Petersburg Public Library Seniors Tour- April 30

The new Petersburg Public Library provided facility tours for senior citizens Wednesday, April 30, 10:00 a.m.

### 2013 Distinguished Community Honoree - Mrs. Treska Wilson- Smith - May 4

The members of the Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated recognized and honored Mrs. Treska Wilson-Smith as their 2013 Distinguished Community Honoree at the "May Week" Community Honors Awards Program. This award recognizes personal excellence and achievements in the area of Political Awareness & Involvement.



### Community Band Concert - May 4

The Tri-Cities Community Band presented 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 featured marches, light band classics, Broadway hits, patriotic music and music from the Big Band era.



### Petersburg Symphony Performance - May 4

The Petersburg Symphony Orchestra presented a spring concert on Sunday, May 4 in the Petersburg High School Auditorium at 5:00pm. The concert, entitled "Olympics to Oscars", featured a variety of music associated with both events. The audience enjoyed such pieces as Olympic Fanfare and Theme by John Williams,

"Stranger in Paradise" by Borodin, "Firebird" by Stravinsky and "Romeo and Juliet" by Prokoffiev.



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## Petersburg News

### Upcoming Events

**Petersburg Library Grand Opening!**  
The grand opening of the Petersburg Public Library was held Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.  
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**Virginia Avenue Elementary School Community, Health and Wellness Center Survey**  
The purpose of this survey is to get an understanding of health and wellness needs in your community: the area served by the Virginia Avenue School Community and Health and Wellness Center.  
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