



## EXPERIENCE PETERSBURG

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### Labor Day Holiday Closings/ Schedules

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, all city offices will be closed on Monday, September 1. Monday's Labor Day closings also include the Petersburg Public Library and all Department of Parks and Leisure Service community centers. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday.

The Farmer Street Pool will be open from Noon to 6:30 p.m., Saturday, August 30 through Monday, September 1 over the holiday weekend. Dogwood Trace Golf Course will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Petersburg Area Transit buses will not be operational on Labor Day.

Central Virginia Waste Management Authority curbside recycling and trash collections will be delayed as well. No collection will be made on Monday; thus all collections during this week will occur on the day following the normal collection day. Friday collections will occur on Saturday.

The City of Petersburg Museums is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Farmer's Bank Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, September 1.

The Visitor Centers will be open this weekend and on Monday, September 1. Old Towne Visitor Center will be open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, August 31 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Carson Visitor Center will be open Monday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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### Liberty Pointe Apartments

**W.M. Jordan** Company invites the community to attend an Information Session about the Liberty Pointe Apartments project in Petersburg. The information session will be held Wednesday, September 3 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petersburg Public Library (201 West Washington St).

Topics include project information and subcontracting opportunities. Attendance is free of charge and all trades are welcome. For more information, please call (804) 233-6921.



### Upcoming City Council Meetings

City Council sessions will be held on the following dates for the month of September: September 2 & 16. Please plan to attend. The meetings are held the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Union Train Station.

## Attention Petersburg Taxpayers

**First** quarter real estate bills of tax year 2014/15 have been mailed to property owners and/or mortgage companies. All 1<sup>st</sup> quarter real estate tax bills are due on September 30. Any payment paid online or at one of our designated SunTrust Bank locations or any of our two drop box locations and postmarked by the Post Office on September 30, will be considered current. All other payments will be considered delinquent and incur 10% penalty and 10% APR interest on October 1. For more information, please visit [www.petersburgva.gov](http://www.petersburgva.gov).

## Business Workshops

**What** is your FICO score? Join Southside Community Development and Housing Corporation for a Credit Counseling Workshop on Monday, September 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church (418 Halifax St.).

To register, please call (804) 231-4449 x100 or visit [www.scdhc.com](http://www.scdhc.com).

## Homebuyer Workshops

**VHDA** is hosting a free first-time homebuyer class on Saturday, September 6 from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The class will be held at Virginia State University in Foster Hall, Room 300 Conference Room. This class is a great way to learn about the entire home buying process from start to finish, including personal finances, credit and credit scoring, qualifying and applying for a loan, choosing the right home and what happens at a loan closing. Please register for the class by calling (804) 641-7424.

**Please** help Artspace bring affordable artist housing and other unique spaces that meet your needs and the needs of other artists and members of the creative community, to Petersburg, VA. The online survey ends September 4. [Click here.](#)

## Citizens Academy

**Petersburg** Police invite you to attend their eight-week Citizens Academy, September 9 – November 12 at the Police Department (37 E. Tabb Street). The classes will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Applications are available online at: [www.petersburg-police.com](http://www.petersburg-police.com) or in the department lobby. Application deadline is September 12. Topics covered will include defensive tactics, arrest & control, gang awareness, and more. Contact Officer Clement for more information, (804) 479-6056, [pclement@petersburg-police.com](mailto:pclement@petersburg-police.com).

## Heights Community Reunion

**The** Delectable Heights will hold its annual Community Reunion on Saturday, August 30 from Noon to 8 p.m. It will be held at Historic Virginia Avenue Elementary School at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and High Pearl Street. Come enjoy food, games, music and socializing.

## Join the PACC



**Tinkerbel** is a female mixed lab approximately a year old. Come visit her at the Petersburg Animal Care and Control operation located at 1600 Johnson Road. The hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m., Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. Appointments are also available by calling (804) 732-3654. [“Like” Join the PACC on Facebook.](#)



## International Film Festival

**Tim** Reid's Legacy Media Institute's 2nd International Film Festival will be held for three days throughout the Petersburg community. Legacy Media Institute is based at New Millennium Studios and is a non-profit Institute for training filmmakers. This festival will be titled "How Film and Music Impact Culture". Businesses in the community are invited to place an ad in the program booklet, or sponsor either a film screening or musical performance. More information can be found at [LMI-IFF.org](http://LMI-IFF.org). Visit the Media Center at [www.petersburgva.gov](http://www.petersburgva.gov) to view the video for this event.

## Grapes & Hops Festival

**Sip** in Lincoln's Footsteps at Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Annual Grapes and Hops festival on Saturday, September 27. The event will feature tastings of new and classic vintages of Virginia's finest winemaking and craft breweries.

It is a wonderful opportunity to leisurely examine the artisans and crafters on display while walking in history in beautiful Old Towne Petersburg. Enjoy delicious food, live entertainment and the opportunity to purchase your favorite wine, microbrew, crafter or artisan collection. For more information about tickets, visit [www.festivalofgrapesandhops.com](http://www.festivalofgrapesandhops.com).

## Farmers Market

**Petersburg** Farmers Market operates each Saturday from 7 a.m. to Noon. The Market is located under the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2352. "[Like](#)" [Petersburg Farmer's Market on Facebook](#).

## Blanford Community Reunion

**Please** join the Blandford Community in celebrating their annual Reunion on Saturday, September 13. The celebration will begin with their annual parade at 9 a.m. The parade route is straight down Old Church Street beginning at Wills Road.

The festivities and program will begin at noon at the corner of Old Church Street and Bank Street. If you know of a group that wants to participate in the parade, please have them contact Sheriff Crawford at (804) 733-2369.

## Re-Branding Petersburg

**Petersburg** is re-branding and we need the community's help. A Community Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Union Train Station (103 River Street). Please call (804) 644-8515 if you plan to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

More information on non-resident community meetings will be forthcoming. If you are unable to attend the community town hall, please complete the survey online, [perceptionsurvey.questionpro.com](http://perceptionsurvey.questionpro.com).

## VIDA Savings Workshop

**Earn** \$2 for every \$1 you save with VIDA. Are you currently eligible for TANF, Free or Reduced Lunch programs or qualified for the Earned Income Tax Credit on your previous year's taxes? If so, you meet the program income limits.

VIDA will help you support your dreams by clearing up credit, learning to budget and more. Join this workshop on September 29 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church (411 Halifax Street). Contact [www.scdhc.com](http://www.scdhc.com) to register.

## PPLS Senior Program

“**Living** Life like it’s Golden – Senior Program” will reconvene on Monday, September 8. If you are a resident, please join Parks & Leisure Services for an engaging senior experience including aerobics, knitting, tennis, golf, line dancing, nutrition session, movie day, lunch, holiday social, transportation and much more.

Please call (804) 733-2394 for additional information. Please note, the PPLS Senior Program is in partnership with Tabernacle Baptist Church and all activities are held at the Tabernacle Life Center. [“Like” Petersburg Parks & Leisure Services on Facebook.](#)



## Bid Opportunities

[Click here](#) to learn about current bid and contract opportunities from the City of Petersburg available to consultants, service providers, contractors, vendors or suppliers.

## PPLS After School Program

**Parks & Leisure Services** Department offers a FREE After School Recreation Program for Petersburg youth in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

The program will begin Monday, September 8 and ends June 5 and operates Monday thru Friday immediately following school dismissal until 6:30 p.m. The main goal is to program a safe haven after school while providing homework assistance, tutoring, recreation and cultural programs.

Hot nutritional meals are served daily - courtesy of the Virginia Food Bank. The following sites serve as After School Safe Havens, First Baptist Church, Faith and Hope Church and the A.P. Hill Community Center.

Please register your child prior to September 3. For additional information, call (804) 733-2394.

## Upcoming Traffic Information

**Through** September 12, the City of Petersburg will have a contractor working on Defense Road from Baylor’s Lane to Boydton Plank Road. The contractor will be repairing joints in the concrete pavement.

Work will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. One lane of traffic will be maintained. Flaggers will be used to alternate flow of traffic through the work zone. There will be delays and alternate routes are suggested.

## Petersburg Public Library

**PPLS** is featuring a Local Author’s Expo on Saturday, August 30 at 10 a.m. Meet, greet and read with great authors from the area.

[Click here](#) to view the entire August program calendar. Visit the library at 201 W. Washington Street or [www.ppls.org](http://www.ppls.org) for more info or call (804) 733-2387. [“Like” Petersburg Public Library on Facebook.](#)

## \$500K Innovation Grant

**Robins** Foundation is challenging Greater Richmond area non-profits to devise creative and innovative solutions to our region's most confounding issues.

The grant is specifically for an innovation in a community priority area of need. This can be a fully fleshed out program about to launch, or a great idea or concept on how to solve a community issue. It can be a combined effort by two or three organizations coming together to collaborate. Applications are due September 15. For more information, please visit the Robins Foundation, [www.robinsfdn.org](http://www.robinsfdn.org) or (804) 523-1144.

## September Calendar

Labor Day	September 1
Back to School	September 2
City Council Session	September 2
Liberty Pointe Info Session	September 3
Homeownership Class	September 6
Friday for the Arts	September 12
Blanford Reunion	September 13
Credit Workshop	September 15
City Council Session	September 16
Re-Branding Town Hall	September 23
Library HIV Testing	September 24
Grapes & Hops Festival	September 27
VIDA Savings Workshop	September 29
Tax Bills Due	September 30

## A Look Back

### Operation Renew

**The** City of Petersburg joined forces with the Virginia National Guard to complete the final demolition event on Wednesday, August 27. Seven homes were demolished as part of their Counter Drug Task Force. The City is very appreciative of the partnership with the Virginia National Guard and looks forward to next year.



## VSU Visits DSS

**On** Monday, August 26 and Tuesday, August 26, Virginia State University Social Work students, enrolled in Generalist Practice I Course, visited the Petersburg Department of Social Services as part of their learning experience. These students will begin their junior field placement in various agencies in the spring.

This is the course where they begin studying about their generalist social work practice skills, gaining knowledge about the various services that social service agencies provide.