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Upcoming City Council Meetings

The next City Council session will be held on Tuesday, September 9. This will be a joint meeting with Petersburg School Board at Petersburg High School at 6 p.m. The next regularly scheduled session will be Tuesday, September 16. Also, note that the October 7 scheduled City Council session has been rescheduled to October 14. Please plan to attend. The meetings are normally held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Union Train Station. [Click here](#) to view the September 2 Council Communicates.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The City of Petersburg and the Hispanic Heritage Committee invites you to attend the first citywide Hispanic Heritage Month. From art exhibits, crafts, food, folklore, dance and music, the month will kick off this year's festivities during September's Friday for the Arts on September 12. The official opening reception will be held at the Petersburg Area Art League along with the opening of the Elkin Rodriguez Artist Show. Food samples from Mexico, Spain and Argentina will be available. Everyone is invited to the "Viva la Fiesta" next door in the Art Park.

On Saturday, September 13 come enjoy "Bailemos en Petersburg" (Let's Dance in Petersburg) at the Fraternal Order of Eagles banquet hall (235 Franklin St.) at 6 p.m. Enjoy dance instruction, contests and social dancing until 11:30 pm. for a \$5 donation for the entire evening.

Tickets are available at the Petersburg Information Center, Hispanic Liaison Office, Neptune's Restaurant and the Southside Virginia Council of the Arts. For more event information, visit www.southsidevirginiaarts.org.

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Friday for the Arts

Join the City of Petersburg for Celebrate the Arts - Friday for the Arts in historic downtown Petersburg. Over the last decade, Friday for the Arts! has become a comprehensive celebration of the arts, with twenty or more venues spreading the arts across many blocks. Galleries, museums, restaurants and shops feature changing exhibits every month.



September is National Preparedness Month

The City's Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services (FRES) is participating in the national Ready campaign for the month of September for National Preparedness Month. The theme is "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare".

Throughout the month, the City's FRES will have an outreach campaign in the community to help with emergency preparedness. Each week will be a different theme and information will be posted on the website. For more information from Emergency Management, visit www.petersburgva.gov/oem.

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.

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 to register.

Brown on the Green



The 3rd Annual Brown on the Green Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Petersburg Education Foundation will be held on Saturday, September 27 at the Dogwood Trace Golf Course (3108 Homestead Drive) starting at 9 a.m. Registration and breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

Corporate and business sponsorship opportunities are available. Please call (804) 980-5976 for more information.

September ARB Agenda

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meets Wednesday, September 10. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The agenda, as well as other information is [posted here](#). Please call Kathleen Morgan, Preservation Planner at (804) 733-2314 if you have any questions/concerns.

Petersburg Public Library Events



Petersburg Public Library kicks off its Spanish Heritage Month celebration at Friday for the Arts event on Friday, September 12 with Ban Caribe, an exciting blend of Afro-Cuban, Latin, Caribbean and Soulful Rhythm and Blues, all held together with pulsating percussion. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Visit the library at 201 W. Washington Street or www.ppls.org for more info or call (804) 733-2387. ["Like" Petersburg Public Library on Facebook.](#)

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.](#)

Baseball News



On Tuesday, September 2, the Coastal Plain League announced that Generals and Trinity University stand out Jeremy Wolf has been named to this year's All CPL First Team.

A standout player for the Petersburg Generals this summer, Jeremy batted .331 with 33 RBIs in 47 games. Jeremy also led the Coastal Plain League in doubles (21), three shy of breaking the league record of 23. Wolf also led the Generals in many statistical categories including RBIs (33), Runs (32) and hits (58).

Jeremy's sensational play early on allowed him to be named as a starting outfielder for the East team and the sole General in this year's All-Star Game in Morehead City, NC. During his first appearance at the plate, Wolf hit a solo homer for the East team to tie the ballgame; he finished the night 1 for 1 with a solo homerun and a RBI.

With Jeremy's post-season honor, he is the third Generals player to make the All CPL First Team.

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. Visit the Media Center at 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.

Citizens Academy

Petersburg Police invite you to attend their 8 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 at: 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. Call (804) 479-6056 for more information.

Attention Petersburg Taxpayers

First quarter real estate bills of tax year 2014/15 have been mailed to property owners and/or mortgage companies. All 1st 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.

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.

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.](#)



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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.

\$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 or (804) 523-1144.

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.

Join the PACC



Ducky is a male domestic shorthaired kitten approximately seven weeks old, and is available for adoption now! 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.](#)

A Look Back

Back to School Rally

Thank you to the City of Petersburg staff who attended Walnut Hill and J.E.B. Stuart Elementary Schools to help cheer students, staff, teachers and parents to the 2014-2015 school year. Staff passed out pencils to the students and greeted them with cheers and smiles as they entered school.



New Meters

The City of Petersburg is in the process of converting all residential and commercial water meters to a new electronic read system, automated meter reading (ARM) by December 2014. The reason for this change is meter accuracy, reading efficiency and water conservation.

With the new mobile ARM system, it will replace the present way the city reads meters which consists of reading the meters manually.

While the City is in the process of installing the ARM system city-wide, and until all meters are verified and tested through out the billing cycles, the City will be sending estimated bills to customers. Bills will be based off of history and previous use. Thank you for your patience while we move forward to improve Petersburg. For utility billing questions, call (804) 733-2349.

September Calendar

School Board/City Council	September 9
ARB Meeting	September 10
Friday for the Arts	September 12
Hispanic Festival	Begins September 12
Blanford Reunion	September 13
Credit Workshop	September 15
City Council Session	September 16
Books on Market Series	September 18
Re-Branding Town Hall	September 23
Library HIV Testing	September 24
Obesity Workshop	September 25
Grapes & Hops Festival	September 27
Brown on the Green	September 27
VIDA Savings Workshop	September 29
Tax Bills Due	September 30
City Council	October 14 (October 7 session rescheduled)