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Week Ahead – January 5, 2014

This Week at the Library

All programs are held at the William R. McKenney Central Library, 137 South Sycamore Street. For additional information, call 804-733-2387.

Monday, January 6

3:00pm - *Basic Computer Class- Introduction to Computers/Using the Mouse*. Learn the fundamentals of using the computer. This is an excellent class for any adult who has never used a computer.

6:30pm - *PowerPoint 2010/Part 1*. This course incorporates using PowerPoint in presentations.

Tuesday, January 7

6:00-8:00pm - *Book Signing - Mary K. Day "From Road Kill to Angel Food", A Journey of Memoirs*.

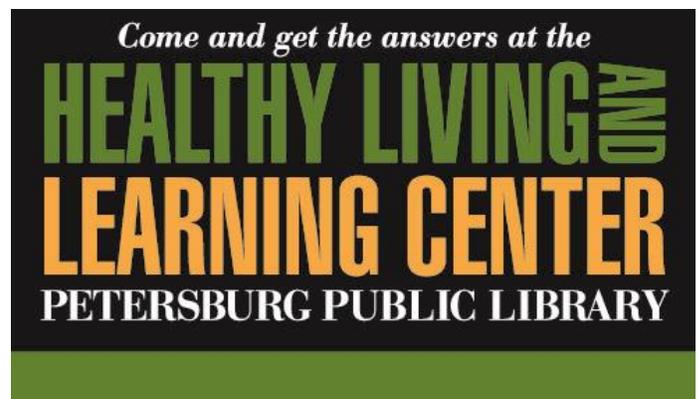
Thursday, January 9

ALL DAY - *Affordable Healthcare Representative*. Stop by the Healthy Living and Learning Center for information on the affordable healthcare plan.

6:00pm - *Tai Chi*

Friday, January 10

Noon - *Yoga*



Petersburg City Council Meetings – January 7, 14 & 21

Petersburg City Council will meet on Tuesday, January 7 (regular meeting), January 14 (special meeting) and January 21 (regular meeting). The special meeting on January 14, beginning at 6:30pm, is to receive public comment on an interim agreement for the construction of a new City Hall. Council meetings are held at Union 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.

Petersburg Chamber Business Over Lunch – January 7

Catherine Holland of Liberty Mutual will give a presentation, entitled: Catastrophe Preparedness – Blizzards. The lunch and seminar is at the Cameron Foundation, 228 S. Sycamore St., from 11:45am to 1:00pm. Call to register, 804-733-8131.

Architectural Review Board Meeting – January 8

The Architectural Review Board will meet on Wednesday, January 8 in City Hall Council Chambers, 135 North Union Street (3rd floor) at 7:00pm. For information regarding agenda scheduling and submission requirements, call 804-733-2313. View the agenda at www.petersburgva.gov.

Community Blood Drive – January 8

The American Red Cross – Southside location is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, January 8, from 12:30pm to 6:00pm at Union Station, 103 River Street. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Drink plenty of water, eat a good meal and **bring a photo ID**. All presenting blood and platelet donors between January 1 and March 31 will be automatically entered to win a \$1,500 gift card.

Leaf Collection

Vacuum leaf collection services are available to citizens who missed the fall collection for \$75 per load. Citizens can also place up to 30 bags of leaves (weighing no more than 50 pounds each) at the curb on regular trash collection days. To schedule a vacuum leaf collection, call (804) 733-2415. For additional information about bagged leaf collection, call Central Virginia Waste Management Authority at 804-425-0500.

RFP, Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) – January 10

The City of Petersburg is requesting proposals for the use of CDBG funds in 2014-2015, the operating year beginning July 1, 2014. The City estimates that the CDBG allocation for the coming year will be \$634,000 or less. Funds may be used for community development needs, including infrastructure, public facilities, planning and public services. City agencies and private non-profit corporations may apply. Applications are due to the Department of Planning and Community Development at 135 North Union Street by the end of the day on January 10. The application can be found on the Department's webpage:

www.petersburgva.gov/index.aspx?nid=475. For additional information, contact John Young at 804-733-2313.

Friday for the Arts! – January 10

Join in the fun on Friday, January 10 for Petersburg's monthly (2nd Friday) celebration of the arts. Activities begin in Old Towne/Downtown Petersburg at 6:00pm. Stroll, shop, and dine in beautifully decorated historic buildings! Listen to music, attend a play and visit the galleries showcasing wonderful art. For more information, call 804-733-2400.



Petersburg Area Art League Features Virginia High School Art Teachers' Works – January 10

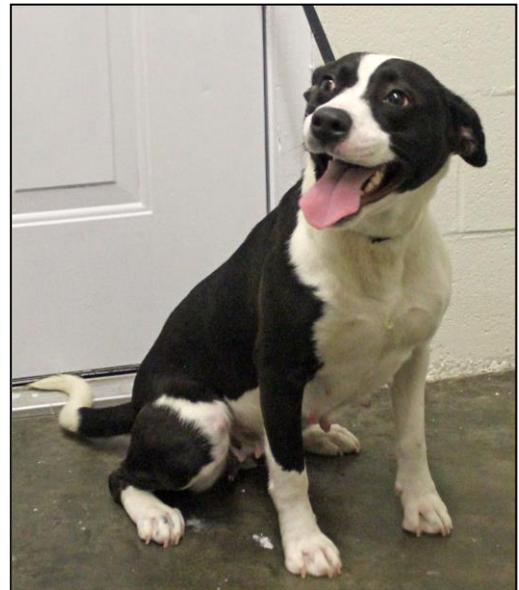
Opening on Friday, January 10 for *Friday for the Arts!*, the Petersburg Area Art League (PAAL) will feature three shows. The Main Gallery will host *Virginia Apples*, a show of art work by nine high school art teachers from across Virginia. Local artist Judge Oliver Pollard will display his landscape paintings in the Virginia Linen Members' Gallery. Judge Pollard will feature 20 of his oil paintings, some of which will be for sale. In the upstairs Education Gallery, there will be a juried art show sponsored by the Southside Virginia Council of the Arts. It is an all media show and Carol Meese, former owner of her own gallery in Petersburg, will be the juror. At 7:30pm, the winners of the Juried Show will be announced. The exhibits run through February 7. The *Friday for the Arts!* gallery shows start at 6:00pm with light refreshments. Call 804-861-4611 for more information or visit www.paalart.org. PAAL is located at 7 East Old Street in Old Towne.

Petersburg Farmers Market – Fall/Winter Hours – January 11

The Petersburg Farmers Market is continuing on Saturdays from 9:00am to noon. The Market is located under the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge. For further information, call 804-733-2352.

Available For Adoption

Nice black and white female dog ready for a good home. She is spayed, micro-chipped and up-to-date on rabies shots. She is available to anyone who has an approved application for no fee. Petersburg Animal Control has many other nice cats and dogs ready for adoption. Take a look at the Pet Adoption photo album on Petersburg Va Facebook page. For additional information, call 804-732-3654.



Petersburg 2014 Pothole Blitz Begins

The Petersburg Public Works Department (PWD) will begin repairing potholes this month and continue the program through March 1. PWD will use all resources to quickly identify and repair potholes. “The purpose of the Pothole Blitz is to focus our operation on patching potholes resulting from harsh weather. The rain and several freeze-thaw cycles have resulted in more potholes than we would normally have during a winter season” says Public Works Director, Steven Hicks. “We are asking citizens to help us by reporting the location of potholes, and remaining patient during the repair process.” The City maintains 365 miles of roads, and estimates more than 1,200 potholes will be patched during the Pothole Blitz. Patching operations are prioritized by pothole severity and location. Severe potholes on high-traffic roads will be patched within 24 hours. Smaller potholes on higher traffic roads will be repaired within five days. To report a pothole, or other roadway maintenance issues, call PWD’s Street Maintenance Division at 804-733-2415.

No Personal Property Filing Requirements

Petersburg citizens are no longer required to file a personal property return. The City has adopted the “File By Exception” procedure. If you have not changed vehicles, purchased a new vehicle, boat,

trailer or motorcycle or disposed of a vehicle or had a change of address, you are no longer required to file a return every year. You must file a personal property form with the Commissioner of Revenue within 30 days if:

- (a) Recently purchased vehicle or moved into the city
- (b) Dispose of vehicle (donate, junk, sell or trade)
- (c) Move vehicle out of the city
- (d) Address change.

The 2014 Business Tangible Equipment and 2014 Machinery and Tools Equipment forms must be filed by March 31. For further information contact: Pamela Hairston, Commissioner of Revenue at 804-733-2317 or via email, phairston@petersburg-va.org.

Petersburg Library Offers Zinio

Zinio is the world's largest newsstand and bookstore. Read full digital copies of your favorite magazines on a computer, tablet, or mobile device using the free Zinio Reader app. Download at www.ppls.org under the eLibrary tab.

Nominations Open for Special Petersburg Women – January 15

Nominations for *Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things* is open for the March 29 celebration of women in Petersburg. Any woman who lives in Petersburg is eligible. The nomination form is on the City's website: www.petersburgva.gov. Submit no later than January 15.

Small Business Development Information Session – January 15

Develop entrepreneurial and business skills at a free small business information session at the Crater Small Business Development Center. "What It Takes to Start a Business" topics include: what you need to know about financing your business venture, what lenders require in terms of collateral, credit, and equity, available resources to assist you as a potential or existing business owner, and the opportunity to meet with business counselors. The information session will be held on Wednesday, January 15 from 3:30pm - 5:00pm at the Crater Planning District Commission Offices, 1964 Wakefield Street. Reservations are requested. Call 804-518-2003 or e-mail nicholspe@longwood.edu.

Enjoy Golf & Giving

Get a discounted game of golf and help those in need. Dogwood Trace is partnering with the CARES Food Bank and offering discounted rates through the end of February. Bring in a bag of non-perishable canned goods and get a round of golf for \$30 on weekdays / \$40 on weekends.



Ghost Watch at Centre Hill - January 24

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW. Petersburg Museums and Visitor Services will present Ghost Watch at Centre Hill on Friday, January 24 from 6:00pm until 8:30pm. The Mansion is located at 1 Centre Hill Avenue. According to the accounts from residents of this landmark house, every January 24 at 7:30pm a regiment of soldiers, presumably Civil War, makes their presence known. Legend states that at 7:30pm the door leading into the office is heard to open. Then a noise, such as soldiers marching across the hall and up the stairs with their sabers clanging, is heard going into the room over the office. Approximately twenty minutes later, the soldiers are heard descending the staircase, crossing the hall and leaving after slamming the door. The house has also been



noted as the home of another ghost, a beautiful woman dressed in white, who has been seen frequently by people strolling on the grounds. No one has ever known who she was. Mrs. Campbell Pryor lived in the house in the late 1890s and told of the playing of a little melodeon that stood in a corner of the library (now in the north parlor). Many times she heard the playing of music by invisible hands as there was not anyone other than herself in the house. Several areas not regularly open to the public (the attic and the service area) will be on the tour of the house. Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance at Centre. Ticket Prices: Adults: \$7 / Children under 12: \$5. For additional information, call 804-733-2401. Preview Ghost Watch at <https://vimeo.com/83381341>.

Week in Review

New Bakery & Gift Shop Opens

Sweet Dixie has opened in Old Towne at 8 W. Bank Street. The shop features unique gifts, made in Virginia, along with fresh baked goods - 804-732-0707. Welcome to Petersburg.



**Purchasing Specialist Receives
Special Certification**

Kelly Gill, City of Petersburg
Purchasing Specialist, has received
National certification as a Certified
Professional Public Buyer (CPPB).
Ms. Gill spent many hours
studying for the difficult 175
question exam. Congratulations.

