



# CITY OF PETERSBURG COMMUNICATIONS

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## **Week Ahead** – January 19, 2014

### **Petersburg Government Offices Closed – January 20**

Petersburg city government offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 21, at regular hours of operation.

### **VSU Gospel Chorale at Petersburg City Council Meeting – January 21**



Petersburg City Council will present a proclamation to the VSU Gospel Chorale on Tuesday, January 21 at the regular council meeting beginning at 7:30pm. The Chorale will perform. The meeting will be held at Union Station, 103 River Street. For more information, call the Clerk of Council at 804-733-2323. The Council agenda packet can be viewed at [www.petersburgva.gov](http://www.petersburgva.gov).

### **“Lunch & Learn” at the YMCA – January 22**

The Petersburg YMCA will host “Lunch & Learn” on Wednesday, January 22 from noon to 1:00pm. The presentation will be “Treating Cancer in our Community”. Refreshments will be served and the seminar is free. For more information, call 804-733-9333.

### **Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Lunch – January 23**

“Health over Chamber Lunch” will be held at HealthSouth on Thursday, January 23 from noon to 1:30pm. Speakers include Dr. Alba Wayal, Southside Physicians Network and Tracy Turman, CEO of HealthSouth. For tickets and information, call 804-733-8131.

### **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>.

### **Petersburg Farmers Market – Fall/Winter Hours – January 25**

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**

Male cat, orange and white domestic short-hair, approximately eight months old. He is ready to go to a good home. 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.



### **Report Potholes**

The Petersburg Public Works Department (PWD) is repairing potholes. PWD is using all resources to quickly identify and repair potholes. Citizens are asked to help by reporting the location of potholes. 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.

### **Traffic Light Detector Installed**

New traffic light loop detectors have been installed at the intersection of Wagner Road and Normandy Drive. The new detectors will improve traffic flow in the area.

### **Tri-Cities Community Band Concert – January 26**

The Tri-Cities Community Band will present its Inaugural Concert on Sunday, January 26 at 3:00pm in Lackey Hall at Christ & Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 S. Sycamore Street. The 35 member ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Iris Schwartz, continues with its musical tradition that began 43 years ago. Band members consist of music educators, professional musicians, active and retired military bandsmen and college students, as well as lawyers, nurses, ministers, office workers and technicians. The Inaugural Concert will feature marches, light band classics, Broadway hits, patriotic music and music from the Big Band era. The concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served during intermission. For more information, call 804-520-1601 or email [irisrick@aol.com](mailto:irisrick@aol.com).

### **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, [p hairston@petersburg-va.org](mailto:p hairston@petersburg-va.org).

### **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.



### **“How To Maximize Your Credit Score” Seminar – February 6**

The Crater Small Business Development Center is hosting “How to Maximize Your Credit Score to Obtain Funding” seminar for those who want to learn how to repair credit and boost scores, something that is very important in today’s business lending world. Funding is crucial for the success of any business. Many times the small business owner does not know how to approach the banker/lender. A Banker will answer questions regarding what to look for in the loan process for a business and distinguish the difference between personal versus business credit. Information on a new micro loan program that is geared towards those in business for at least two years will also be presented. An Accountant will answer questions regarding business taxes and types of accounting software. The seminar is Thursday, February 6 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm at the Crater Planning District Commission Offices, 1964 Wakefield Street. Seating is limited, so call (804) 518-2003 or e-mail [hoodpa@longwood.edu](mailto:hoodpa@longwood.edu) for reservations.

### **First Time Homebuyers Education Course – February 8**

**REGISTER NOW:** The Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) 1st Time Homebuyers Education Course will be held on Saturday, February 8 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 444 Halifax Street. Learn about the entire home buying process, including: personal finances; credit and credit scoring; qualifying and applying for a loan; choosing the right home, and loan closing. To register and for more information, call Bruce Richardson at 804-641-7424.

**Youth Leadership Summit – February 8**

**REGISTER NOW** at [www.vayouthsummit.org](http://www.vayouthsummit.org)

The 2014 Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) will impact the lives of hundreds of teens and young adults, ages 14 -21, their parents/guardians, and youth development professionals. The day is filled with workshops, a dynamic keynote speaker, and a host of youth-centered activities. The mission is to provide an opportunity to help youth understand themselves, others, their community, and the career and education opportunities available to them. The YLS will be held on Saturday, February 8, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. For more information, call 804-732-7053.

**“Love is in the Air” Concert – February 15**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Petersburg Symphony will present an evening of music, with selections from Whitney Houston and The Beatles, on Saturday, February 15 at VSU. Get your tickets now on-line at [www.psova.net](http://www.psova.net) or call (804) 732-0999.



*Petersburg*  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Presents  
*Love is in the Air*  
Selections from Whitney Houston and The Beatles



*Whitney*  
**Cabaret**  
THE BEATLES

Saturday, February 15, 2014  
7:00p.m.



*Silent Auction*



Gateway Dining & Event Center  
Virginia State University  
2804 Martin Luther King Drive  
Ettrick, Virginia

Wine & Hors d'oeuvres  
Tickets-----\$ 50.00 (804) 732-0999

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.psova.net](http://www.psova.net), or at the following locations:  
♪ Bland's Florist, 618 E. Washington Street, Petersburg  
♪ Second Hand Rose, 11 N. Sycamore Street, Petersburg  
♪ Johnson's Cleaners, 1919 Boulevard, Colonial Heights