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Week Ahead - June 8, 2014

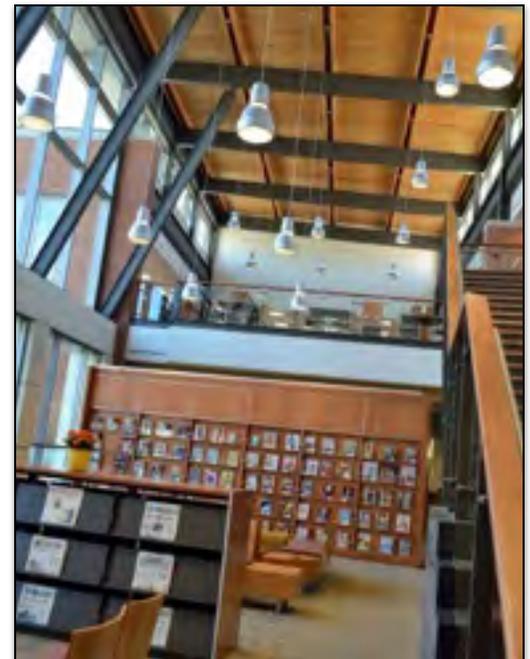
City studying six (6) intersections for possible traffic signal removal - June 9

The City of Petersburg Department of Public Works Engineering Division is studying six(6) signalized intersections in the city for possible traffic signal removal. These intersections are being analyzed in an effort to continue to improve the traffic flow and relieve congestion. The following intersections are being evaluated: West Washington Street (yellow flashing) and Elm Street (red flashing), South West Street (red flashing) and Farmer Street (red flashing), East Washington Street (yellow flashing) and Slagle Avenue (red flashing), West Wythe Street (yellow flashing) and West Street (red flashing), West Wythe Street (yellow flashing) and South Street (red flashing), West Washington Street (yellow flashing) and West Street (red flashing). **Beginning June 9, 2014 at 7:30 AM**, the Engineering Division will begin trial flashing operation of these traffic signals. The approach that will be required to stop will flash red. The street that will have the right of way will flash yellow. The intersections that will be four-way stop will be posted. The traffic signals will be operating on flash during all times of day for a period of no less than 30 days. During this time, additional evaluation of intersection operations will be performed by City staff.

Petersburg Public Library Activities

Beginners Computer Class - June 9

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2010. All computer classes are free and participants are encouraged to bring a jump drive. The class will be held at the Petersburg Public Library, June 2nd/3pm. For additional information contact 804-733-2387.



Tai Chi - June 9

Come and experience Tai Chi at the Petersburg Public Library, 6 p.m. This class is free and open to the public. For more information contact 804-733-2387.

Intermediated Computer Class - June 9

Learn more advanced features of Microsoft Word 2010 at the Petersburg Public Library, June 9, 2014, 6:30pm. All computer classes are free and participants are encouraged to bring a jump drive. For additional information call 804-733-2387.

Yoga - June 13

Come see what all the excitement is about on Fridays at the Petersburg Public Library! Join us for Yoga at noon - mats will be provided. This class is free and open to the public. For more information, 804-733-2387.

Museums and Visitor Services

Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg's Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Old Men & Boys - June 9

Wreath laying and commemorative ceremony in honor of the nontraditional militia that defended the City on 9 June 1864. Speaker: Andrew Talcoy, Virginia Historical Society. Seating is limited. Reception following. In partnership with the City of Petersburg. Time: 5-7:00PM, Blandford Church, 111 Rochelle Lane. For additional information, 804-733-2396



Ring Bell - June 15

In memory of the true beginning of the SIEGE on Petersburg at Battery Five (Petersburg National Battlefield). All downtown Petersburg churches and any other establishments that have bells may join in the tolling of the bells in commemoration of the 150th. Beginning at 9:00AM and ending at 9:05AM - please ring bells 15 times, one time for each decade.



Available for Adoption

Stop by Petersburg Animal Care and Control to experience for yourself “It’s raining kittens”. Meet & Greet the beautiful and heart warming kittens. The kittens are in need of a home and they would love to cuddle with you. Please contact Petersburg Animal Care and Control at 804-732-3654.

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

From Kevin A. Brown, City Treasurer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PETERSBURG TAXPAYERS

The second half of 2014 Personal Property Taxes have been mailed out and are due on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. If you have a discrepancy on your bill, please contact the Commissioner of Revenue’s Office at (804) 733-2315. Citizens will need to pay for all vehicles on their bill this year. Citizens will have to pay the full year’s taxes on all vehicles in order to receive a City Decal. Any Personal Property Tax payments paid online or at one of our designated SunTrust Bank locations or any of our 2 drop box locations or postmarked by the Post Office on or before June 10, 2014, will be considered current. All other payments will be considered delinquent and incur 10% penalty and 10% APR interest on June 11, 2014. Current 4th quarter real estate tax bills of tax year 2013/2014 have been mailed to property owners and/or mortgage companies. All 4th quarter real estate tax bills are due on 6/30/2014. Any Real Estate Tax payments paid online or at one of our designated SunTrust Bank locations or any of our 2 drop box locations or postmarked by the Post Office on June 30, 2014, will be considered current.

All other payments will be considered delinquent and incur 10% penalty and 10% APR interest on July 1, 2014.

PAYMENT OPTIONS - If you would like to avoid standing in line at the Treasurer’s Office, you may use one of the following payment options:

- 1.** From any computer, you may view; make a credit or debit card payment at <https://www.petersburg-va.com> . There is a 3% convenience fee for all credit and/or debit card payments. You will need your account number to pay personal property taxes and your map number is your parcel number that you need to enter to pay real estate taxes.
- 2.** Make a payment at one of the following SunTrust Bank Locations: Fort Lee Branch, 1400 Mahone Avenue, Fort Lee; SouthPark Branch, 360 Charles Dimmock Parkway, Colonial Heights; Walnut Hill Branch, 1941 South Sycamore Street, Petersburg; and the Washington



Street Branch, 1340 West Washington Street, Petersburg. YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF YOUR BILL TO THE BRANCH TO HELP PROCESS YOUR PAYMENT!

3. Use our drop boxes, which are located in front of the Petersburg Central Library, 201 W. Washington Street or City Hall, 135 North Union Street.

4. You may mail a payment to us at P.O. Box 1271, Petersburg, VA 23804.

Late payments are charged 10% penalty plus 10% APR interest.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE YOUR PAYMENT OBLIGATION OR EXCUSE PENALTIES. IF YOU NEED A COPY OF A TAX BILL, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (804) 733-2322 OR CITYTREAS@PETERSBURG-VA.ORG. *We thank you in advance for your prompt payment and look forward to working with you in the future!

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

From Pamela C. Hairston, Commissioner of Revenue

City of Petersburg Taxpayers

2014 Business Tangible and Individual Personal Property tax have been mailed. These bills are due by June 10, 2014. Due to an error some of the bills may include a delinquent tax due amount. If your bills shows a delinquent tax amount and you feel this is indeed an error, please contact the City Treasurer's Office, 804-733-2322 or email citytreas@petersburg-va.org to verify the amount to be paid. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience.



Citizen Information Meeting - June 13

The Department of Public Works & Utilities will host a series of Stormwater Utility PUBLIC AWARENESS MEETINGS for Ward 7 residents on Friday, June 13, 6PM at A.P. Hill Elementary School, 1450 Talley Avenue, Petersburg, VA 23803. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to and solicit feedback from the City's residents regarding the stormwater utility, drainage concerns, and the city's ongoing efforts to improve stormwater management. Subsequent meetings for the city's remaining wards will be held throughout the summer and announced accordingly.

Petersburg Farmers Market - June 14, 21, 28

Petersburg Farmers Market - Saturdays from 7:00am to 12noon. The Market is located under the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge. For further information, call 804-733-2352.



Working Together to Improve South Crater Road - June 10

Mark your calendars for June 10, 2014, South Crater Road Study, Citizen Information Meeting. Join us for an important meeting that could benefit you if you live, work or travel using South Crater Road. Stop by Walnut Hill Elementary School between the 5:30-6:30pm to view dip lays and learn more about the project. A brief project presentation will occur at 5:45pm. City of Petersburg staff will be available to answer your questions. For additional information please call 804-733-2353.



Mexican Consulate is coming to Petersburg, June 11-14

The Mexican consulate is coming to Petersburg for the first time, June 11th to 14th to issue passports and documents. For documentation appointments call Mexitel at 1-877 - 639-4835. For event tables contact Petersburg Hispanic Liaison at (804) 835-9136 or aharris@petersburg-va.org. Do not miss this opportunity to reach the Hispanic community in this area.



Petersburg Art League features its popular Annual Members' Show - June 13

Opening on Friday, June 13 for Friday for the Arts, the Petersburg Area Art League will feature its popular, annual Members' Show. The Main Gallery and the Virginia Linen Service's Members' Gallery will display a wide variety of works of art by local artists. In the upstairs Education Gallery, the Southside Virginia Council of the Arts will hold a Juried Art Show. This year marks the second time that members are each given five feet of gallery wall space for the show, while in previous years, the Members' Show was a "miniature show," in which the art work could not be larger than 12" x 12". With five feet of wall space, members can showcase several pieces of art work, and can also enter as a family or as individuals. More than 30 artists will be showing their works in this year's show. Each artist can choose however he or she would like to fill the space. Art pieces range from paintings, watercolors and sketches to metalworking and fabrics. Please visit, www.paalart.org



River Street Arts Festival - June 13, 14

The River Street Arts Festival will be held on Friday for the Arts in Historic Old Towne District of Petersburg. The event is sponsored by Southside Virginia Council of the (SVCA), the City of Petersburg and businesses located on River Street. The festival will kick off with the monthly celebration of Friday for Arts and will include the following; All Media Juried Art Show, Art & Craft Vendors, Food & Beverages, Wine Tasting, Music & Performances, Outdoor Stage, Petersburg's Got Talent, After Arts Beach Blast and Blues Blast After Party. Please visit, www.southsidevirginiaarts.org



Fathers and Family Day - June 14

The PRHA will hold its annual Fathers and Family Day at the Pin Oaks Community Center and grounds. HUD encourages the participation of local government officials and your presence would be greatly appreciated. If you represent local government and would like to speak to the public during this event, please call 804-733-2220.

Community Clean-up Project - June 14

A community Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014, 9:10AM-12noon. All volunteers will meet at the Virginia Avenue School - Playground at 9:00AM . Lunch will be provided for volunteers at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church for all volunteers.



Petersburg City Council Meeting - June 17

Petersburg City Council will meet on Tuesday, June 17 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.petersburg.gov



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - New Transit Commuter Parking Lot - June 18

The Mayor Brian A. Moore, City Manager - William E. Johnson III, Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) and several state and local dignitaries will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., to officially open the new transit commuter parking lot located on the 100 Washington Street, Petersburg, Virginia. PAT opened the parking lot for passengers and commuters on June 1, 2014. The new parking lot replaces the leased Parking lot that was located at 20 N. Union Street in Petersburg, VA.

Juneteenth Festival - June 22

Join friends and family for this celebration of Emancipation held on Pocahontas Island, notable as the first predominately-free Black settlement in the state and, by mid-19th century, one of the largest in the nation. Included in this festival is food, folklore, vendors, and other festivities. Location: Pocahontas Island, Witten Street, Time: 2:00-7:00PM, Free Event. For additional information please call 804-733-2430



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

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



Week in Review

1st Mondays at A.P. Hill Elementary School - June 2

The Petersburg Department of Social Services launched 1st Mondays at the A.P Hill Elementary School. Each 1st Monday community leaders, city administration and local/state officials greet students as they enter the A.P. Hill Elementary School. As students enter the school-hand shakes, smiley stickers, words of encouragement and smiles are exchanged.



War of 1812 Monument Unveiling at Blandford Cemetery

A new monument listing the names of ninety-four War of 1812 veterans buried or memorialized in Blandford Cemetery was dedicated on Saturday, June 7. The ceremony was conducted by the Society of Ward of 1812 in Virginia. The monument is located near the Blandford Reception Center. Over 50 visitors attended the event.



A.P. Hill Elementary School traveled to Washington, DC June 7



Saturday, June 7, 2014, the Benedict Club sponsored all 5th grade students at A.P. Hill Elementary School to a day in Washington, DC. Students boarded charter buses and visited the Smithsonian Museum. The event culminated a year-long program of weekly pep talks from public officials, business leaders, sports figures and other caring adults to encourage youth to do their best.

Lee Memorial Park (Willcox Lake Pavilion) Restrooms coming soon

Contractors began paving the way for new RESTROOMS that will soon be located near the Willcox Lake Pavilion (Lee Memorial Park). This new addition was funded via Community Development Block Grant Funding. Reservations are required if you would like to have an outing or event, please call 804-733-2394. (Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - TBA).



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Pathways to Success Foundation

Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (VA-03), along with Virginia Delegates Rosalyn Dance (District 63), Kirk Cox (District 66) and Petersburg Mayor Brian Moore, launched the Pathways To Success Foundation's VETS@WK program during a ribbon cutting reception held at the Petersburg's Freedom Support and Education Center. Pathways to Success Foundation's VETS@WK Provides Training Opportunities to Virginia's Veterans. This unique program is administered by Pathways and will provide veterans with convenient and expanded access to educational training, vocational counseling, as well as job search preparation and on-the-job-training.



City Employees complete Customer Service Training

City Manager, City Department Heads, Mid Level Managers and the Line Staff participated in a City Employee Customer Training Class. The customer service training focused on the importance of customer service and how to offer an excellent customer service experience to both internal and external customers.



Petersburg Generals hosted the Youth Baseball Clinic for City Youth

The 2014 Youth Baseball Clinic & Parent Meeting was held at the Petersburg Sports Complex on Sunday, June 8. The Petersburg Generals conducted the clinic and Parks & Leisure Staff conducted the Parent Meeting concerning the Youth Baseball Season. The youth baseball players ranged in age from four to twelve.

Sign up for “Notify Me” via City Website

Please visit the City of Petersburg Website www.Petersburgva.gov and sign up for “NOTIFY ME”. This feature allows Petersburg residents to receive ALERTS via a text message or an email correspondence. Easy as 1, 2, 3 just

click the Notify Me on the right side of the home page and follow the step by step instructions. You can sign up to receive ALERTS from several city departments and most importantly you can register to receive EMERGENCY ALERTS.



City Employees participated in the Anthem Local Choice Health Screening

City Employees participated in the Anthem Local Choice Health Screening. Employees received instant results relating to their blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol levels. The nursing staff made recommendations to each employee on ways to improve their health based on the results or thumbs up to those employees who are living healthy.



HAVE A GREAT WEEK!