

City Manager Report – July 2, 2019

City of Petersburg VIRGINIA

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Freedom of Information



- ❑ Francis “Frank” Poulin has been designated as the new FOIA officer for the City of Petersburg. FOIA training for the new system will be conducted next week and Citizen FOIA training will be scheduled.

Community Affairs



- Summer Program for City Youth kicked off on Monday, July 1st.
- 150 young residents enrolled in the program from July 1-August 16, 2019.
- Summer Breakfast and Lunch are served at the site.
- The Petersburg Job Shadowing program has begun and participants will start with their shadow hosts on July 8th
- Links for all community summer programs are available on Petersburg's Official website.

Community Affairs



- Petersburg Department of Social Services began operations in the 3811 Corporate Road Offices on July 1st.
- The new Social Services Building is on Petersburg Area Transit's South Crater Road Route and has been running smoothly.
- Petersburg Human Resources and Risk Management Office will also relocate to this corporate road location.



THE CITY OF PETERSBURG
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS
MOVING TO
3811 CORPORATE ROAD
IN PETERSBURG

Petersburg
VIRGINIA

**PETERSBURG DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
WILL BEGIN OPERATION IN THE
CORPORATE ROAD OFFICE ON
JULY 1, 2019**

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MOVE, THE SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019

TO APPLY FOR SNAP, TANF, OR FUEL TO APPLY FOR MEDICAID BY TO CHECK ON EXISTING SNAP OR
VISIT: COMMONHELP.VIRGINIA.GOV PHONE CALL: 1-855-242-8282 TANF BENEFITS CALL: 1-855-635-4730

www.petersburgva.gov

Community



❑ Boppers Ice Cream is set to open in Petersburg this Friday.

❑ Petersburg Food Tours has started in the Community! Petersburg Food Tours are about exploring new restaurants and foods in the City. More information on the tours can be found at www.petersburgfoodtours.com



Reminder



**PETERSBURG CITY
GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED ON**

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH AND FRIDAY, JULY 5TH

Visit www.petersburgva.gov
for more information



City Hall Annex



- Work began on the City Hall Annex in June. Crews are working on necessary improvements to the exterior.
- Work includes repairing parts of the roof, brick and gutter repairs, and painting.



Fire Hydrant Replacements



- Replaced fire hydrant 6/3/2019 intersection of New & Byrne Street
- Replaced fire hydrant 6/4/2019 2123 Bishop Street
- Replaced fire hydrant 6/4/2019 1923 Walton Street
- Replaced fire hydrant 6/5/2019 29 Shore Street
- Replaced fire hydrant 6/6/2019 136 Shore Street
- Replaced fire hydrant 6/11/2019 2031 S. Crater Rd.
- Replaced fire hydrant 6/6/2019 Dunlop & Wilcox Street
- Replaced fire hydrant 6/26/2019 Oak Hill Road

Billing and Collections



Unreconciled numbers from Billing & Collections:

Real Estate - \$25,006,101.67

Personal Property - \$6,077,288.21

Water & Sewer - \$12,679,891.25 (*Through May 2019*)

Delinquent Utility Collections – In excess of \$200K
(*This includes shut offs and restorations*)

Budget and Procurement



- ❑ Purchasing cards and Travel cards have been suspended throughout the City. The Budget and Procurement Office is working with the City Manager's Office to revamp the P/T card program.

- ❑ Through 5/30/2019 the City has sold **\$113,916** worth of surplus through GovDeals



- ❑ **Police Operation: No Guns, Safe Streets - 145 illegal guns have been removed from Petersburg streets in 2019**

Public Safety



- ❑ CPR training was offered for all City employees throughout the month of June. 325 Petersburg employees were trained, and a few departments are still scheduled to receive training.



Public Safety

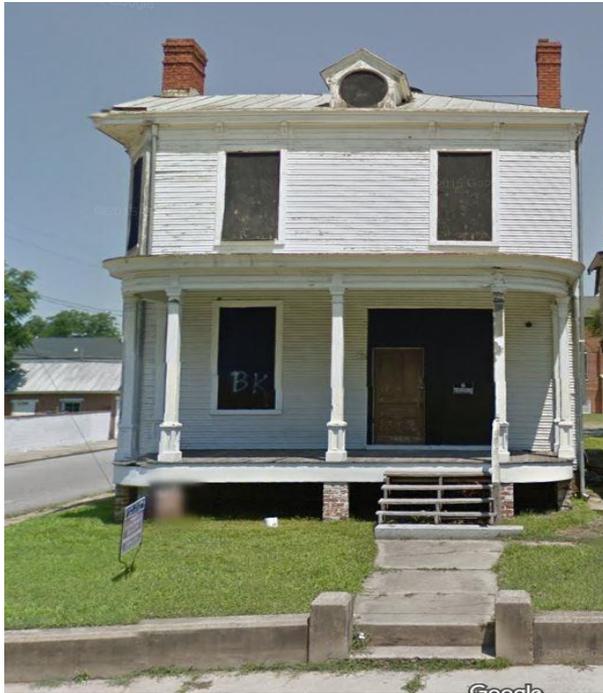
- On June 22nd, Petersburg Fire Department completed the successful rescue of a person who was trapped 35 feet down an abandoned well hole.



Community Development



- ❑ The Partners for Neighborhood Renewal is a collaborative effort between the City's Planning Department, Code Compliance, the Cameron Foundation, Preservation Virginia, and several other organizations. Through Project: HOMES work will soon begin on 137 Liberty Street.



137 Liberty



135 Liberty