

City Manager Report – September 17, 2019

City of Petersburg VIRGINIA

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Upcoming Events



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September 28, 2019

11am-5pm

9 E. Old Street, Petersburg VA 23804

Upcoming Events



Petersburg Citywide Clean-Up "Trash, Grass and Leaf Removal"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

The City of Petersburg would like for you & your community group, church, school or business to join us in cleaning up litter, removal of leaves & cutting grass throughout the Petersburg Community. Bring your lawn mowers, rakes, weed eaters and join our team, Saturday, October 26, 2019, 8:00-12noon. City will supply trash bags, gloves and safety vests. To register call 804.324.4014 or email ambassadors@petersburg-va.org



Staging Areas

Pleasants Lane Elementary School

TEAM A - Ward 7

Peabody Site

TEAM B - Wards 5 & 6

Lakemont School & Old VEC Parking Area

TEAM C - Wards 1 & 4

Walnut Hill Elementary School

TEAM D - Wards 2 & 3

To sign-up: please call
804.324.4014

or email:

ambassadors@petersburg-va.org

Clean-Up Time: 8:00-12:00PM
Cook-Out Celebration
at the Petersburg Sport Complex
immediately following, 12:30PM.
Announcement of the 1000
Pounds City of Petersburg
Challenge 2019

Project Updates



- ❑ Construction has been completed on the 125 N. Union Street address; Old Fire Administration Bldg.

- ❑ All Network Support installation began this week

- ❑ Sonitrol has started working on access control and intrusion security - First Stage beginning in the new Budget / Purchasing, and Economic Development Offices and should be operational by end of this week.

- ❑ The second stage for Sonitrol will focus on the new Commissioner of Revenue and Finance Offices to be operational by end of the month.

- ❑ All safes have been opened. Combination is being changed on the walk – in safe and the smaller drop safe up front. All work counter safes are being opened and combinations being changed.

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- The black painted windows in the green carpeted conference room have been removed and clear glass has been installed.
- Vegetation has been cut back from the back of the building, awaiting disposal.
- Currently awaiting quotes on the glass doors and counter.

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Pcard Program Update



- Budget and Procurement Office is in the process of combining the purchase and travel cards
- Moving away from individual cardholders and shifting to department cards
- Working with BOA to set up the profiles in the Works system
- Roll out goal for this updated program is November 2019

Utility Bills RFP Update



Current bill limitations and resource deficiencies resulted in seeking different alternatives to the current utility printing and mailing process; City is seeking to provide customers with more data

- The RFP is currently in committee evaluation period

- Meeting to evaluate submitted proposals is scheduled for October 1st

- Target date of implementation is tentatively January billing cycle

Position Control Update



- HR and Budget & Procurement have streamlined the internal processes to ensure consistency between the two departments
- The ultimate goal is to have the BAI position list mirror the budgeted positions
- Target date of completion is November 2019

Health Insurance RFP Update



Health Insurance rates have increased year after year resulting in major budget impacts

- HR has conducted research on alternative options for health coverage, this is currently in draft review
- RFP posting is anticipated by September 13, 2019
- Target date of contract completion is Mid-January

Budget and Procurement



- GovDeals has assisted in selling \$45,066 in City assets from 7/1/2019 – 9/6/2019. There have been some returned items that resulted in the net amount decreasing.

Community Development



- ❑ The Department of Planning and Community Development was recently reviewed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- ❑ The Planning and Community Development Department received a favorable report and the department was deemed in compliance with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Section 110.

A photograph of a golf course at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm glow. In the foreground, a yellow flag is planted in the grass, partially obscuring the view. To the left, a large, dark evergreen tree stands prominently. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Dogwood Trace Golf

- Dogwood Trace hosted the 12th Annual Petersburg Rotary Golf Tournament on September 16th

Public Safety



- All Fire Station generators have been serviced and are in working order
- Police Operation: No Guns, Safe Streets - **216 illegal guns have been removed from Petersburg streets in 2019.** This past week, two guns were turned over by a citizen.
- Battle of the Badge Blood Drive was held on Wednesday, September 11th at Union Train Station.

Petersburg Area Transit



- ❑ PAT has expanded their service for customers and introduced a new stop at the Ettrick Amtrak Station; increasing traveling convenience for PAT riders.