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WEEK AHEAD

August 10, 2014

Experience Petersburg

Thank you to Johnson, Inc. for this great video on the City of Petersburg. [Click here](#) to view the video online!

Save the Dates



The Better Housing Coalition, City of Petersburg
The Historic Petersburg Foundation and
George Mason Mortgage, LLC invite you to attend:

RENOVATION FINANCING AND HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP

LEARN HOW TO BUY AND FIX-UP AN OLDER HOME!

JOIN US:

Tuesday, August 26th
at 6:30 p.m.

103 River Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

Owner occupants and investors
are welcome to attend.

Other topics include:

- Tax Credits
- Tax Abatements
- Market Analysis
- Energy Efficiency Mortgages
- Much More!

The City of Petersburg, the Better Housing Coalition, The Historic Petersburg Foundation and George Mason Mortgage, LLC invites you to attend the Renovation and Financing Homebuyer Workshop on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at 103 River Street Petersburg, Virginia 23803. Topics include tax credits, tax abatements, market analysis, energy efficiency mortgages and more. Owner occupants and investors are welcome to attend.

The Architectural Review Board will be meeting on Wednesday, August 13 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. To view the agenda for the meeting, [click here](#).

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Join the Petersburg Office of Economic Development and the Crater Small Business Development Center of Longwood University for a Business Seminar on QuickBooks Accounting Software. On Tuesday, August 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Petersburg Public

Library, this extensive course will cover how to use QuickBooks for small businesses. To register online, visit www.sbdc-longwood.edu or call (804) 518-2003.



“Need money for your business?”



Get the Facts on
Government Lending Programs
& Local Bank Loans

MARY JO SISSON-VAUGHAN, Presenter
Project Finance Manager, Virginia Small Business Financing Authority

<p>Date August 21, 2014</p> <p>Time 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</p> <p>Location Petersburg Public Library 201 W Washington Street Petersburg, VA</p> <p>Cost FREE Registration is required</p> <p>Register Call the Petersburg Office of Economic Development (804) 733-2352</p>	<p>➤ This forum is designed to bring traditional and non-traditional lenders together with small business to talk “MONEY”.</p> <p>➤ There will be representatives on hand from the Longwood SBDC, SBA, Banks and other lending sources to discuss your needs.</p> <p>➤ Owners of small businesses in need of working capital, money for equipment, and/or real estate should attend this forum.</p> <p>➤ The program includes a banker panel discussion moderated by the presenter then you may ask lenders questions concerning how to obtain funding.</p>
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The Petersburg Public Library announces the 2014 Summer Reading Program finale on Friday, August 15 at 2 p.m. with storyteller Lynn Ruehlmann. Join us for captivating, interactive stories for all ages. This event will be held at Tabernacle Baptist Church Community Life Center located at 444 Halifax Street Petersburg, VA 23803.

Why pay to work out when it is free at the Petersburg Public Library? Visit the library each week for healthy workout options from certified instructors. Classes include: Sit & Be Fit - Mondays at 11:30 a.m., Yoga - Mondays at 5 p.m. and Fridays at Noon and Tai Chi - Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Learn how to create business cover letters for resumes. All computer classes are free and participants are encouraged to bring a jump drive. Beginner and intermediate computer classes are available.

[Click here](#) to view the entire August program calendar. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2387.

Need money for your business? On Thursday, August 21 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Petersburg Public Library, the Petersburg Office of Economic Development will host a Banker’s Forum to bring traditional and non-traditional lenders together with local small businesses. The event is free but registration is required to attend. Please call (804) 733-2352 for more information.

Mark your calendar for the International Film Festival, October 17 – 19 in Petersburg. The city is excited about this opportunity to showcase film and music during this three-day festival which will be held through the city in several venues. In addition, Petersburg will host an artist from Cuba who will introduce international culture through visual art. This will be an event that you will not want to miss!

August Events at Petersburg Library

Petersburg Public Library
2014 Summer Reading Program
Finale!

Storyteller Lynn Ruehlmann

presents

“Paws, Toes, and Flippers”

Stories, Songs, and Shadow Puppets
that Sparkle and Splash



Join us for captivating, interactive stories for all ages—and find out who won prizes in our end-of-summer Summer Reading Program drawing!

Friday, August 15
2:00 p.m.

Tabernacle Baptist Church
Community Life Center
444 Halifax Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

All groups should plan to arrive at least 20 minutes before the performance.
 Daycare Centers must RSVP to Leslie Johnson, Children’s and Teen Librarian
 (804) 733-2387, ext. 401





Affordable Housing for Petersburg and Richmond Artists

How would you like to live in a creative space which allows you to create works of art everyday of your life and still pay the bills? The City of Petersburg has partnered with the new Cameron Foundation, the City of Richmond and Artspace to complete phase one of a new initiative which could offer affordable live/work space to area artists who wish to continue their craft. However, you do not need to be an artist to take the survey as part of phase one. This project (which includes the survey) went live on July 1 and your opportunity to be counted is now. Your input for this survey takes about twelve minutes to complete and could mean the world to attracting Petersburg's most creative workforce to the region. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to take the survey now.

www.creativespacesurvey.com.

Pet of the Week



Meet Reptar, a four year old, male mixed breed. He is housebroken, very sweet and gentle and is looking for a loving home. Come meet Reptar and more of his adorable friends. Please contact Petersburg Animal Care and Control for additional information, (804) 732-3654.

City of Petersburg Bid Opportunities

[Click here](#) to learn about current bid and contract opportunities available to consultants, service providers, contractors, vendors or suppliers.

Museums Schedule

In August, all museums will be open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will not open on Sundays. In addition, Centre Hill Museum will be closed from June 20 through August 13 to prepare for a movie filming. All museums will be back to regular schedule in September. The Visitor Centers will continue to operate as follows: **Old Towne Visitor Center** (Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.), **Carson Visitor Center** (Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

All About Towne

Higher Learning Ministries will host its 3rd Annual Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 16 from Noon to 2:30pm. This is a free community-wide event featuring a vendor fair (showcasing local youth & family service organizations), entertainment, food and a school supply give-away. A backpack of school supplies will be distributed to children in attendance, grades K-12. All activities will take place on the Higher Learning Ministries Campus located at 1209 Upper Appomattox Street in Petersburg VA. Join us as we help prepare our youth for another successful school year. For more information, contact (804) 504-6353.



Petersburg Farmers Market operates each Saturday from 7 a.m. to Noon. The Market is located under the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2352.

Petersburg Sheriff's Office will sponsor the 4th Annual Community Re-Entry Forum at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 2223 S. Crater Road on Wednesday, August 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to educate ex-offenders; to meet the challenges of integrating into society; to provide representatives from various agencies so that offenders can establish contact with multiple agencies and resources in one location. The guest speaker will be Marvin L. Anderson and Ms. Lula Hart. Please come out and hear incredible stories of survival. The event is free, but registration is required. Please contact the Petersburg Sheriff's Office at (804) 733-2419.

Need Real Answers About Homeownership?

Here's Your Starting Line.

VHDA's free **First-time Homebuyer Class** is a great way to learn about the entire homebuying process from start to finish, including:

- Personal Finances
- Credit and Credit Scoring
- Qualifying and applying for a loan
- Choosing the right home
- What happens at a loan closing

The class is offered at a variety of times and locations throughout the state and is also available online. Classes are taught in English, Spanish and other languages.

Participants who successfully complete the class receive a certificate of completion and are eligible to apply for all VHDA loan programs.

For more information call 877-VHDA-123 or visit vhda.com.

Class Schedule

Sponsored By
Weichert Brockwell & Portwood

To register for this class:
Bruce Richardson, Sr.
804-641-7424

Date of Class:
Saturday, September 6, 2014

Time of Class:
10:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Location of the Class:
Foster Hall, Room 300
Conference Room
Virginia State University
Ettrick, VA 23803

Must Pre-Register for this Class!
FREE, FREE, FREE, FREE

Virginia Housing Development Authority

VHDA is hosting a free first-time homebuyer class on Saturday, September 6 from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The class will be held at Virginia State University in Foster Hall, Room 300 Conference Room. A great way to learn about the entire home buying process from start to finish, including personal finances, credit and credit scoring, qualifying and applying for a loan, choosing the right home and what happens at a loan closing. Please register for the class by calling (804) 641-7424.

Sip in Lincoln's Footsteps at Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Annual Grapes and Hops festival on Saturday, September 27. The event will feature tastings of new and classic vintages of Virginia's finest winemaking and craft breweries. It is a wonderful opportunity to leisurely examine the artisans and crafters on display while walking in history in beautiful Old Towne Petersburg. Admission tickets will be

sold online and at the gate for the event – each ticket includes a commemorative wine or beer-tasting glass for your tasting enjoyment throughout the day. Enjoy delicious food, live entertainment and the opportunity to purchase your favorite wine, microbrew, crafter or artisan collection. For more information about tickets, visit www.festivalofgrapesandhops.com.



National Night Out Against Crime



Congressman Bobby C. Scott joined forces with City Council, the City Manager, Community Corrections and the Petersburg Police Department to celebrate the 31st National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, August 5. Dozens of communities in the area planned events to show support against crime. Hundreds attended the NNO Celebration at Petersburg Sports Complex. NNO is a wonderful opportunity for our city to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie. Thank you to all the communities who came together to support

the city’s efforts against crime. We look forward to this great event next year.

Parks and Leisure Services Award Nearly 600 Participants

City Manager William E. Johnson, III joined Deputy City Manager, Irvin Carter and Parks and Leisure Services Director, Tami Yerby on Thursday, August 7 for the Petersburg Parks and Leisure Services 2014 Awards Ceremony at Good Shepherd Baptist Church. Nearly 600 area children participated in this year’s summer program, themed “Fun and Fitness”. To view the full press release, [click here](#).



First Day of School for Year-Round School Year

City leaders, parents and school staff gathered at A.P. Hill Elementary and Peabody Middle Schools on Monday, August 4 to welcome students back to school. These two schools are operating under the year-round program in an effort to increase academic achievement. The City of Petersburg wishes these students a great school year ahead.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading this week’s **Week Ahead** and that you forward it to family and friends.

