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Week Ahead – December 1, 2013

Fall Leaf Collection

The Petersburg Public Works Department's annual Fall Leaf Pick-up program is underway. The City will provide one round of leaf vacuuming in each Ward. Vacuum of leaves dates are as follows:

Ward 3 December 2-13
Ward 7 December 16-20

During vacuum dates, residents are reminded to rake leaves into a pile between the sidewalk and the curb or shoulder of the road, and not into streets or ditches.

Please place leaves out a week before your area's scheduled collection. Bulky materials such as brush and tree limbs shall not be mixed with leaves. Residents may also bring leaves to the drop-off site for free on November 23. The drop-off site will be located in the parking lot at the corner of Mount Vernon and South Sycamore Street (across I-85 from Cameron Field) with hours of operation from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Vacuum leaf collection services will be offered to citizens who miss the first round collection, or choose not to bag or drop-off their leaves for \$75 per load. Citizens should bag their leaves should they miss the vacuum leaf collection. Up to 30 bags of leaves (weighing no more than 50 pounds each) may be placed at the curb on the regular trash collection day. The City will **NOT** provide trash bags this year. For additional information, or to schedule a neighborhood leaf clean-up day or private leaf vacuum, please call Street Operations at (804) 733-2415. For additional information about bagged leaf collection, please call the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority at (804) 425-0500.



Comment on the Proposed New City Hall – December 2

Citizens are encouraged to comment on the proposed development of a new City Hall building by 5:00pm on Monday, December 2. Comments can be emailed to tinnis@petersburg-va.org; posted on the City's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/petersburg.va.9); or mailed to Tangela Innis, Purchasing Agent; City Hall Annex - 103 W. Tabb Street, Petersburg, Virginia 23803.

Proposed Development of New City Hall Building:

The City of Petersburg has received and has accepted an unsolicited proposal from Prestige/English Joint Venture for a public-private partnership under which the private proposer would provide design for, finance for, and construction of a New City Hall which will be located at the North East corner of Washington and Union Streets. This unsolicited



proposal was submitted pursuant to the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002, Va. Code §§ 56-575.1, et seq., (“PPEA”), and the City’s PPEA implementing procedures.

Statement from Prestige/English Joint Venture:

Prestige Construction Group, Inc. and English Construction Company, Inc. in association with Enteros Design are excited about working with Petersburg on the development of a new City Hall. We see this as a great opportunity to provide the citizens with the efficient and sustainable City Hall they have envisioned, need and deserve. The new City Hall will provide a one stop shop for city services and signify Petersburg is open for business.

This Week at the Library

All programs are held at the William R. McKenney Central Library located at 137 South Sycamore Street. For additional information on all library events and seminars, please call (804) 733-2387.

Monday, December 1

- 3:00pm Basic Word 2010- Creating a simple flyer
- 6:30pm Advanced Excel 2010- Making table queries

Thursday, December 5

- 5:30pm Tai Chi

Friday, December 6

- 10:00am-2:00pm Affordable Health Care - Healthy Living & Learning Center and Central VA Health Services ‘ representatives will be available to help you better understand insurance changes and your options.
- Noon Yoga

TRIAD Holiday Gala – December 5

The TRIAD Holiday Gala (Dress In Your Best) will be held on Thursday, December 5 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Old Towne Civic Center located at 136 River Street. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2369.

City Treasurer’s Office Closing Early – December 6

The Petersburg Treasurer’s office will close at 2:30pm on Friday, December 6 for the swearing in of City Treasurer Kevin Brown and four new deputy treasurers. The ceremony will take place in the Clerk of Court’s office next to the courthouse. This will be Mr. Brown’s second term in office. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2322.

Prepare for the Scare: Petersburg Haunts – December 6

Find out about the city's permanent, otherworldly residents with Petersburg Haunts, a ghost walk through historic downtown. Tours will be Friday evenings, beginning at 7:00pm. The leisurely one-hour tour takes you through 400 years of history, legends, untimely deaths, and—of course—ghosts. Tours begin at the Courthouse, 7 Courthouse Avenue, just off Sycamore Street. Visit www.petersburghaunts.com to reserve a spot on the tour. Walkups are welcome. The cost is \$15.

Premier Membership at Dogwood Trace

Dogwood Trace Golf Course is running its Premier Membership program for the 2014 Golf season. If you join before the end of the year, the membership fee is \$900. This is a \$300 savings off the regular yearly price of \$1,200. For additional information, please call (804) 732-5573.

Enjoy Golf & Giving

Get a discounted game of golf and help those in need. Dogwood Trace, the city's golf course, is partnering with the CARES Food Bank and offering discounted rates through the end of February 2014. Bring in a bag of non-perishable canned goods and get a round of golf for \$30 on weekdays and \$40 on weekends.

Petersburg Farmers Market – Fall/Winter Hours

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.

City-Wide Fall Clean-Up – December 7

The City will also host a **City-Wide Fall Clean-up on December 7**, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Residents can drop-off household trash, leaves, and tree limbs for free at the following locations:

Ward 1 Lee Elementary - 51 Gibbons Avenue

Ward 2 School Administration Office lot on East South Boulevard

Ward 3 Petersburg High – 3101 Johnson Road (parking lot off Homestead Drive)

Ward 4 Old hospital site - South Sycamore Street (parking lot off Apollo Street)

Ward 5 Peabody - 725 Wesley Street (parking lot off Lee Avenue)

Ward 6 A P Hill Elementary - 1450 Talley Avenue

Ward 7 Stuart Elementary - 100 Pleasants Lane

Items not accepted include: motor oil, antifreeze, hazardous waste, and any liquids. The City is encouraging neighborhoods to coordinate a “neighborhood leaf clean-up day”, in which the City will provide containers.



Ward 3 Meeting – December 9

Councilman Ken Pritchett will hold a Ward 3 meeting on Monday, December 9 beginning at 6:30pm at Walnut Hill Elementary School located at 300 West South Boulevard. City leaders will be in attendance to discuss issues and concerns with citizens. For additional information, please contact the Clerk of Council at (804) 733-2323.

Petersburg City Council Meeting – December 10

Petersburg City Council will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at the Vernon Johns Junior High School located at 3101 Homestead Drive beginning at 7:30pm. For additional information, please call the Clerk of Council at (804) 733-2323.

“God’s Eye – The Musical” Performance – December 14

A performance of “God’s Eye - The Musical” will take place on Saturday, December 14 at 5:00pm at New Millennium Studios located at One New Millennium Drive. The play was written by Virginia native April Marcell. The story is of Minister Jones, who is faced with making a life changing decision. He finds himself falling in love with a woman who is trying to overcome the pitfalls of single parenthood. They are both brought to the judgment seat as the unspoken has been revealed. As the world is watching, will the church forgive or condemn? Tickets are \$25 in advance online at www.godseye-theplay.com, or \$30 at the door. Military members and spouses are \$20 with ID. For additional information, please call (804) 454-5060.



“Experience Petersburg” During the Holidays

Petersburg Christmas Parade – December 7

The Annual Holiday Parade “Celebrating a Healthy Holiday Season” will be held along South Crater Road on December 7, beginning at 3:00pm. The Holiday Parade will feature floats, marching units and bands. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2394.

Centre Hill Museum Holiday Open House – December 7 & 8

Centre Hill Museum’s annual holiday open house will be held on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Seasonal holiday decorations reminiscent of the era and local entertainment will be featured. The Museum’s gift shop will be open for holiday shopping and refreshments will be served. Admission is free for the weekend activities. Limelight Talent will present a musical version of “Scrooge” at 4:00pm each day. Activity booklets will be available for children ages 5 to 11. Centre Hill Mansion was built in 1823 by Revolutionary War veteran Robert Bolling, IV. The mansion is furnished with a variety of eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth

century decorative arts. The historic house was the site of two presidential visits, Abraham Lincoln in 1865 and William Howard Taft in 1909. Centre Hill Museum is located at 1 Centre Hill Avenue. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2401.

Historic Petersburg Foundation Christmas Home Tour – December 8

Tour beautifully decorated homes on Sunday, December 8 from noon to 4:00pm during the Historic Petersburg Foundation's 36th Annual Christmas Homes Tour. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 on tour day per person. The Tour features restored historic homes decorated for the season, holiday refreshments, and a musical performance at Battersea Plantation's Holiday Open House. Tour homes include: 221 South Sycamore Street; The Cameron Foundation Headquarters at 228 South Sycamore Street; The John Banister Chapter of the DAR House (2nd floor apartment) at 332 South Sycamore Street; 244 High Street; 501 High Street, and the Historic Battersea Plantation Holiday Open House (refreshments beginning at 2:00pm & music at 4:00pm) at 1289 Upper Appomattox Street. For additional information and to purchase tickets, please call (804) 732-2096, or visit www.petersburgarea.org.



"Decking The Halls" at Historic Battersea -December 8

Historic Battersea will be "Decking the Halls" for their fourth annual Holiday Open House on December 8 from 2:00pm-5:30pm. Historic Battersea, located at 1289 Upper Appomattox Street in Petersburg, provides an experience to remember as guests enjoy the beauty of historic Battersea during the holiday season. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present to take pictures with children, young and old from 2:30-3:45. The triumphant sounds of selected members of the 392nd band from Fort Lee and a barbershop quartet will provide stirring holiday music. Guests can stay warm with hot mulled wine and glasses of wine available for purchase. A special book signing will take place with the author of "The Broken Circle", David Bridges. Guests will also have a chance to donate to the restoration of Battersea by participating in a silent auction. Photos of all items available for auction will be on display at historic Battersea and guests will have the ability to bid on those items during the open house. Following the open house, the actual auction items will be on display in Battersea's offices located at 29 West Bank Street from December 9-13, and the silent auction will end during Friday for the Arts on December 13. For additional information, please call (804) 732-9882 or visit www.batterseafound.org.

Petersburg Symphony Holiday Concert – December 8

The Petersburg Symphony Orchestra will perform its Christmas concert on Sunday, December 8, at 4:00pm in the Petersburg High School Auditorium. The Concert, entitled "Holiday Gifts" features is a

variety of music such as Cantique de Noel by Adolphe Adam, Toy Symphony by Leopold Mozart, excerpts from the Nutcracker by Pyotr Tchaikovsky, and more. There will also be an audience Sing Along of familiar Christmas carols, arranged by Symphony member, Emory Waters. Petersburg High School is located at 3101 Johnson Road. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the box office, or on line at www.psova.net. For additional information, please call (804) 732-0999.

Petersburg Holiday Gifts Sale

Petersburg Museums and Visitor Services is celebrating the holiday season with special sales in the gift shops of the Siege Museum, Centre Hill Museum, and Blandford Church. Gift items include stocking stuffers, in addition to note cards, cocktail napkins, Petersburg playing cards, Petersburg golf umbrellas, picnic blankets, brass ornaments, candlesticks, candle pin decorations, decorative lamp finials, Virginia Tea Towels, and more. Some old favorites, such as the brass ornaments of various historic buildings within the City (Courthouse, Blandford Church, Battersea, Centre Hill), and the reprinted *Petersburg's Story - A History* by James G. Scott and Edward A Wyatt are also available. Select items on sale will be deeply discounted. For additional information, call (804) 733-2402.

Friday for the Arts! - December 13

Join in the fun on Friday, December 13 for Petersburg's monthly (2nd Friday) celebration of the arts. This is the 10th year for *Friday for the Arts!* Activities begin in Old Towne/Downtown Petersburg at 6:00pm. Stroll, shop, and dine in beautifully decorated historic buildings. Listen to music, take a carriage ride and visit the galleries showcasing wonderful art.



The Trees of Christmas at PAAL Opening – December 13

See a multitude of Christmas trees decorated using a variety of themes and styles by artists, as well as businesses and people in the community – certain to put you in the holiday spirit! Opening, Friday, December 13, in conjunction with "*Friday for the Arts!*" at the Petersburg Area Art League (PAAL) located at 7 East Old Street. The Trees will be on display through the end of the year. PAAL is open Wednesday through Friday, 11:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturdays, 10:00am – 4:00pm. For additional information, please call (804) 861-4611 or visit www.paalart.com.

A Concert by Candlelight – December 13

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will have a special Annual Christmas Holiday Concert at 6:30pm, on Friday, December 13. The program will feature Charles Lindsey, Jr. on the organ and soprano, Abbie Haynes. Many vocal favorites and organ pieces will be the highlight of the evening while the singing of Christmas Carols by the audience will fill us all with the Christmas spirit. Historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bristol Parish, is located at 110 North Union Street. A freewill offering will benefit the Downtown Churches United Walk against Hunger and the Joseph A. Whittle Music and Arts Fund. For additional information, please call (804) 733-3415.

Petersburg Festival Chorus Holiday Concert – December 14

Enjoy holiday favorites as the Petersburg Festival Chorus performs on Saturday, December 14 beginning at 7:30pm. The concert will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church located at 225 Claremont Street. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For additional information, please call (804) 862-3706.

Week in Review

Petersburg Events Promoted on Virginia This Morning

Petersburg City Manager William E. Johnson III talked about the upcoming holiday activities and tourism in Petersburg. Take a look: <http://wtvr.com/2013/11/26/petersburg-full-of-holiday-cheer/>



Old-Fashioned Christmas Downtown

Hundreds of people enjoyed the Grand Illumination and Santa's Parade in downtown Petersburg on December 1. Take time to ride or walk through Downtown/Old Towne and enjoy the holiday decorations and light.



Petersburg Crime Rate Drops

Neighborhood Watch Groups get credit for the large drop in crime in the City. Take a look at the NBC/12 report: <http://m.nbc12.com/#!/newsDetail/24088316?orgId=128>.