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Week Ahead – October 20, 2013

The Eye of the Artist – Louis H. Draper at VSU – October 21

The VSU Department of Art & Design, in collaboration with Mrs. Nell Draper Winston, presents The Eye of the Artist: 30 photographs by Louis H. Draper from October 21 to December 5 in the Meredith Art Gallery. Louis Draper (1935-2002) attended Virginia State College in the early 1950s, where he worked on The Statesman as a photographer. He went on to study photography at Thomas Edison College, and earned an MFA in Photography at New York University. His career as a photographer for such publications as Essence and Camera Magazine brought him into contact with African American notables, such as Malcolm X, Miles Davis, and Langston Hughes. A free reception, open to the public, is scheduled for 5:30pm on Tuesday, October 22, in the Meredith Art Gallery, with a gallery talk by Mrs. Nell Draper Winston on the life and work of her brother. The Meredith Art Gallery is located on the second floor of Harris Hall at VSU, with entrances next to the elevator and across from Room 202.

Freedom Support Center Volunteer Day – October 23

Dominion Power volunteers will be painting the new Freedom Support Center on Wednesday, October 23 at 8:00am. Additional volunteers are needed. The new Freedom Support Center for Veterans is located at 32 West Washington Street next to Petersburg Station. The Freedom Support Center is scheduled to open on November 12. The project is being headed by Councilman W. Howard Myers. For additional information, please call (804) 921-2976.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month – October 24

Petersburg City Public Schools and the City of Petersburg have joined efforts to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a Carnival on Thursday, October 24 at Peabody Middle School from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Enjoy a night of Students' Performances, Carnival Kings and Queens', free food, refreshments and music. Peabody Middle School is located at 725 Wesley Street. For additional information, please email jaduhart@petersburg.k12.va.us.



One-On-One With Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith – October 25

Ward 1 City Council representative, Treska Wilson-Smith, will be available to meet with citizens throughout the community in October. She will be at the following locations:

October 25

Petersburg Public Library 1:00pm-5:00pm

October 26

Pinetree Apartments 2:00pm-5:00pm (Pinetree residents)

For additional information, please call (804) 720-9520.

National Drug Take Back Day – October 26

Petersburg Sheriff’s Department representatives will be in the Walmart parking lot on Saturday, October 26, from 10:00am to 2:00pm to collect outdated prescription drugs for proper disposal. Walmart is located at 3500 South Crater Road. For additional information, please call Sheriff Crawford at (804) 733-2368.

Prepare for the Scare: Petersburg Haunts – October 25 & 26

Find out about the city’s permanent, otherworldly residents with Petersburg Haunts, a ghost walk through historic downtown. Tours will be Friday and Saturday evenings 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 learn more and to reserve a spot on the tour of your choice, as tour size is limited. Walkups are welcome. Please meet 10 minutes prior to the start of the tour. The cost is \$15 per person.

Farm Fresh at the Petersburg Farmers Market – October 26

Don’t miss the last official Farmers Market of the season. The Petersburg Farmers Market is open under the bridge at Joseph Jenkins Roberts Street in Old Towne on Saturday morning from 7:00am to noon. For additional information, please call Petersburg Economic Development at (804) 733-2352.



Halloween Fun for Kids at PAAL – October 26

REGISTER TODAY: The Petersburg Area Art League (PAAL) is inviting all children into the gallery to celebrate Halloween! PAAL will host its second annual Halloween Party for kids of all ages on Saturday, October 26 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. There will be arts activities, snacks and treats, and a costume contest. Children are encouraged to come in their Halloween costumes. PAAL staff and volunteers will lead the children in Halloween and fall themed arts activities, provide light snacks and refreshments, and host a costume contest. The event is open to all children. The party will take

place in PAAL's upstairs gallery at 7 East Old Street in Old Towne Petersburg. The Halloween Party is open and free to all preschool and elementary school students, but space is limited, so **reservations are required by Wednesday, October 23 at 5:00pm**. To make reservations, call PAAL at (804) 861-4611 (parents will need to provide the child's/children's names and ages at the time of making the reservation). Parents are welcome to stay for the Halloween Party. For additional information, visit www.paalart.org.

Ward 6 Meeting – October 28

Councilman Ray Coleman will hold a Ward 6 meeting on Monday, October 28, at 6:30pm at the A. P. Hill Elementary, located at 1450 Talley Avenue. For additional information, please call the Clerk of City Council at (804) 733-2323.

Petersburg City Council Meeting – October 29

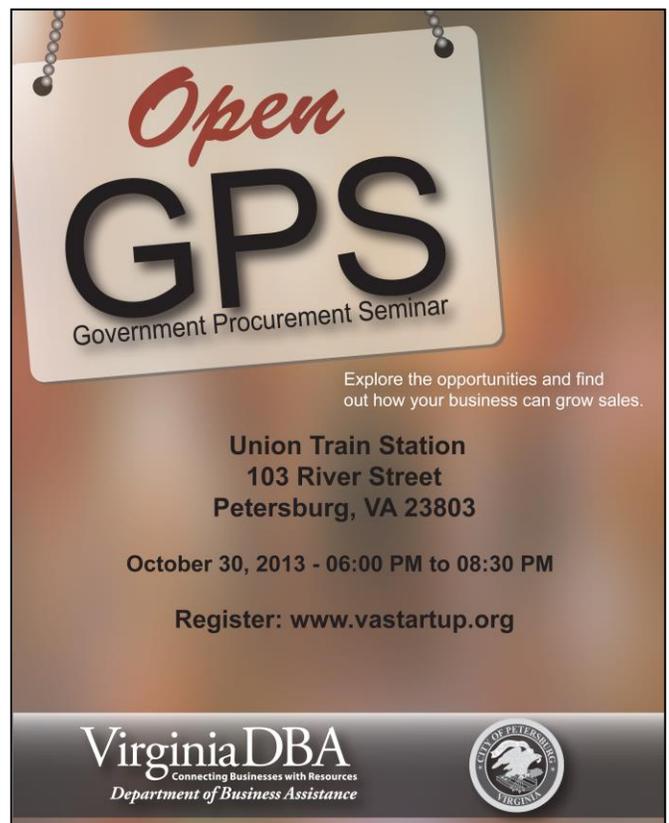
Petersburg City Council will meet on Tuesday, October 29, at Union Train Station located at 103 River Street in Old Towne. The closed session meeting will begin at 6:30pm, and the regular meeting at 7:30pm. For additional information, please contact the Clerk of Council at (804) 733-2323 or via e-mail at njackson@petersburg-va.org.

Government Procurement Seminar – October 30

Explore opportunities and find out how your business can grow sales by winning contracts with the government. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 30 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at Union Station located at 103 River Street in Old Towne. The event is sponsored by the City of Petersburg and Virginia Department of Business Assistance. To register, please visit www.vastartup.org or call (804) 371-8228.

Historic All Hallows Eve in Blandford Cemetery – October 31

BUY TICKETS NOW: The City of Petersburg Department of Museums and Visitor Services will sponsor the annual "Historic All Hallows Eve" at Blandford Cemetery, on Thursday, October 31, from 6:00pm until the final tour at 8:40pm. The focus of the evening's hour-long guided walking tours will be the history of the cemetery and the accounts of some of the City's most interesting permanent residents. The tours will include the lives of Revolutionary War soldier Erasmus Gill, Victorian women Mary Logan and Nora Davidson, and War of 1812 soldier Captain Richard McRae. There will be no parking allowed at the cemetery. Event parking will be available at the gravel lot across from the Farmer's Market, next to the McIlwaine House (corner of Cockade Alley and River Street) in Old Towne. Tour participants will board a shuttle bus and be transported to the Reception Center at the cemetery. After arrival and check-in, tour



The poster features a white tag with the word "Open" in red script and "GPS" in large black block letters. Below "GPS" is the text "Government Procurement Seminar". To the right of the tag, the text reads: "Explore the opportunities and find out how your business can grow sales." Below this, the location is listed as "Union Train Station, 103 River Street, Petersburg, VA 23803". The date and time are "October 30, 2013 - 06:00 PM to 08:30 PM". The registration information is "Register: www.vastartup.org". At the bottom, the Virginia DBA logo is displayed with the tagline "Connecting Businesses with Resources" and "Department of Business Assistance". To the right of the logo is the official seal of the City of Petersburg, Virginia.

guides will meet each scheduled group and proceed to the cemetery. Reservations and ticket purchases must be made in advance at the Blandford Church Reception Center, 111 Rochelle Lane beginning October 1. Tour times will be staggered and will begin every twenty minutes starting at 6:00pm. Admission for the tour is \$7 per person. The size of each tour group is limited, so an early reservation is recommended. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2400.

Treats in Trunks – October 31

Petersburg Police officers will hand out candy at the following locations on Thursday, October 31, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm:

Police Department

Halifax Street Corridor

Crater Road Corridor

South Boulevard Corridor

The Police Department is accepting individually wrapped candy and snack size zip lock bags in the main lobby of the Police Department located at 37 East Tabb Street until October 29. For additional information, please call Officer Clement at (804) 479-6056.

“Right To Know” Petersburg – November 2

SAVE THE DATE: Delegate Rosalyn Dance, Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith, and the City of Petersburg will host “Right To Know” Petersburg on Saturday, November 2 at Petersburg High School. Experts and officials will present informational sessions on city services, education, health & welfare, housing, public safety, and healthy living. For additional information, please call Councilwoman Wilson-Smith at (804) 720-9520.

Adoptive/Foster Parent Reunion – November 2

SAVE THE DATE: Adoptees will learn how to search for their biological families. Anyone interested in learning more about becoming adoptive or foster parents please attend. There will be staff available to answer your question. The event will be held at Walnut Hill Elementary School, located at 300 South Boulevard, from 11:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, November 2. For additional information, please call (804) 943-5290 or email gwenhaskett7@gmail.com.

Community Health Fair & Forum – November 2

SAVE THE DATE: Tabernacle Baptist Church Healthcare Ministry and Area Churches Health & Wellness Ministries will hold a free Community Health Fair & Forum on Saturday, November 2 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The event will be at the Tabernacle Baptist Church Community Life Center located at 444 Halifax Street. There will be presentations, healthy cooking demos, blood pressure checks, free flu shots, fitness sessions and much more. For additional information, please email dmjohnson81@aol.com.

Hip Hop Legend Performs in Petersburg – November 2

SAVE THE DATE: Petersburg Communities Inc. is hosting the Soul Logistics Radio Show on Saturday, November 2 from 7:30pm to 11:00pm at the Old Towne Civil Center located at 136 River Street in Old Towne Petersburg. Headlining the show is Hip Hop Legend Rakim. Rakim is known as one of the greatest MCs within the hip-hop community. For tickets and more information, please visit

<http://soullogisticsradio.eventbrite.com> or call (804) 446.4699. Tickets are also being sold at Who Let The Dogzz Out located at 38 Halifax Street.

Petersburg Symphony Concert – November 2

SAVE THE DATE: The Petersburg Symphony Orchestra will present a free concert on Saturday, November 2. The concert will be performed in the Colonial Heights High School auditorium, located at 3600 Conduit Road. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm. The City of Colonial Heights is sponsoring the concert as an annual community cultural event. The orchestra will be under the direction of PSO Conductor Ulysses Kirksey, who has planned a program of light, classics, patriotic selections, and contemporary music. For additional information, please email joseph_lyman@live.com.

Poker Ride and 5K Angel Walk – November 9

REGISTER NOW: Crater Community Hospice (CCH) invites the public to participate in two events slated for Saturday, November 9. At 10:00am, the fifth annual 5K Angel Walk will step off at Petersburg National Battlefield located at 5001 Siege Road. The battlefield provides a scenic venue for the 3-mile walk. Please register at www.cratercommunityhospice.org by October 25 to receive a commemorative t-shirt.

At 11:00am, a motorcycle ride kicks off from the parking lot of Texas Roadhouse located at 2602 Conduit Road in Colonial Heights, for a Poker Ride throughout the Tri-Cities and surrounding counties. Registration for the ride begins at 10:00am. The ride ends at Tilted Kilt, 2070 Waterside Road, Prince George, where lunch will be provided. The Tilted Kilt, Taliaferro & Mallory, LLP, Gerdau Petersburg, Dunlop House and Care Advantage are sponsors for the events. Both events raise support for Crater Community Hospice's programs benefiting families including hospice services, education to caregivers, complementary therapies and bereavement care for local families. A \$20 donation is requested for each event. Additional information is available at www.cratercommunityhospice.org or by calling (804) 526-4300.

Fall Fixin's – November 10

SAVE THE DATE & PURCHASE TICKET NOW: A fundraiser for "Rebuilding Together" will be held on Sunday, November 10 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Petersburg Pickers located at 100 Bollingbrook Street. Ticket are \$40 each and includes food by the Bistro at Market and Grove. There will be live music and a live auction. Tickets are available at Petersburg Pickers, the Bistro, and the Rebuilding Together Tri-Cities office. All proceeds will stay local and help achieve a safe and healthy home for every person. For additional information, please call (804) 861-8686.

Forward email

2nd Annual "Neighborhood (Hood)" Basketball Tournament

REGISTER TEAMS NOW: Mount Olivet Baptist Church will host its second annual basketball tournament November 18 through 25th. The tournament will be funded through local sponsorships and will be free to participants. Teams are needed from ages 11 to 25. To register a team, please call (804) 732-7218.

Fall Leaf Collection Program

The Petersburg Public Works Department's annual Fall Leaf Pick-up program begins on Monday, November 18.

The City will provide one round of leaf vacuuming in each Ward. Vacuum of leaves dates are as follows:
Ward 2 November 18-22
Ward 5 November 18-20
Wards 1 & 4 November 21-22

Ward 6 November 25-27

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 16 and 23. The drop-off site will be located in the parking lot at the corner of Mount Vernon and South Sycamore Streets (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 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 Board 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 Middle - 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 at the drop-off sites 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. 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.

Week in Review

Two Petersburg Businesses Receive “Resilience Awards”

Five businesses that overcame adversity to grow and create jobs have been named winners of the 2013 Tayloe Murphy Resilience Awards. **Roberts Awning and Sign** was a winner under the Manufacturing/Wholesale division. Roberts has built and installed awnings for the Petersburg area for more than a century. Owner Bobby Goodwin set his sights on regional growth since starting an awning business in 2005. He acquired the Roberts name in 2011, and also purchased the assets of Norvell, a regional awning company, earlier this year. Using a new business model that focuses on authorized dealers, Roberts Awning and Sign has been able to produce greater sales than at any other time in its history. The company is located at 1791 Midway Avenue. The Chairman’s Award for Service Businesses was given to **Container First Services (CFS)**. CFS partnered with the City of Petersburg to provide an innovative and cost-effective solution to the area's solid waste disposal needs. The company offers Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified recycling services through the Tri-Cities Recycling Center. CFS recently purchased the Lunenburg County landfill and is opening its second operation. CFS is located at 333 Industrial Drive.



Celebrity Fitness Trainer Worked With Students on Health & Fitness

Celebrity fitness trainer and Petersburg City Public Schools (PCPS) Alumni, Don Brooks, recently spoke with PCPS students about Health & Fitness. During his visit, Brooks focused on topics such as living a healthy lifestyle and setting goals. Brooks owns a gym in Hollywood and works with many film and TV stars. Brooks graduated from Petersburg High in 1996.



Teacher Uses Cookies and Toothpicks to Educate Students



Fourth graders at J.E.B. Stuart Elementary school were given the opportunity to take on the role of an archaeologist. Students had to first provide their teacher, Mrs. Williams, with facts about an archaeologist such as what they do, what type of tools they use and why they play a significant role in learning about the past. Once students shared their information with Mrs. Williams, she provided them with the site for their archaeological dig (M & M Cookies) and their tools (toothpicks). Mrs. Williams shared with the students that as archaeologists they must work cautiously and carefully so they do not damage the artifacts that they find. The teacher then challenged her students to remove the M & M's from the cookies without breaking the cookie. Students could only use their tools (the toothpicks).

Petersburg TRIAD Celebrates at Senior Cookout

The Petersburg Sheriff's Office TRIAD and S.A.L.T. Council didn't let the weather dampen their plans for their annual cookout. Instead of cooking out, they just cooked in at Union Station. The seniors had lots of food, fun, entertainment, and learned Tai Chi. For information about joining TRIAD, please call Sheriff Crawford at (804) 733-2369.

VSU Homecoming Parade

Hundreds of people lined the streets of downtown Petersburg on October 19 for the VSU Homecoming Parade. Parade participants included bands from Maryland and Washington DC, as well as Petersburg's Crimson Wave.

