



Petersburg Welcomes Civica Rx The New Home of Quality Affordable Medicines

The City of Petersburg has been so very welcoming, and we are thrilled to have the City as a partner on our mission.

Debbi Ford,
Chief Communications & Public Affairs Officer, Civica Rx



The future of quality affordable medicine is unfolding in Petersburg. Civica Rx, a non-profit pharmaceutical company, has built a 140,000 square foot state-of-the-art advanced manufacturing facility at the Pharmaceutical Complex, that is opening soon. This is no ordinary pharmaceutical company; in fact, it is considered a new industry category of Pharmaceutical Utility as its mission is to: *Provide Quality Generic Medicines that are Available and Affordable to Everyone* and its number one policy is to *Do What's in the Best Interest of Patients.*

Civica Rx was founded by a coalition of hospital groups and philanthropies in 2018 as a much-needed response to years long generic medicine shortages. With supply and demand often being at odds, price spikes had become commonplace providing instability and vulnerability to patient care. As a non-profit, Civica can stabilize and reduce pricing and meet the demands for many of the most used generic medications.

The advanced manufacturing facility in Petersburg will be the

We have been impressed with the partnership between the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, the Community College Workforce Alliance and Brightpoint Community College to create training programs that will provide a pipeline of potential hires not only for our own facility but for others in the sector.

Debbi Ford, Civica Rx

home of quality affordable insulin - up to 90% less costly than current prices.

Civica has signed a 10-year contract with the State of California to build affordable insulin products for its residents. California has committed \$50 million to jumpstart the process. Not only will insulin be packaged here, but also several other generic injectable

medications.

While Civica is not in the business of creating new medications, they are innovators of a novel business model in a traditionally for-profit industry. Civica's hospital members represent a third of all hospital beds in the U.S. The Petersburg facility will begin testing this Spring with distribution in early 2024.

This year Civica plans to hire approximately 180 people, many of whom will be pharmaceutical manufacturing technicians. The number of employees will increase as other shifts are added as more medicines come online. The company is included in the partnership with Brightpoint Community College where those interested in a career can pursue a one-year Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Certification, a pathway to an excellent paying job at Civica. There are also administrative, warehouse, and janitorial opportunities.

Civica Rx joins AMPAC Fine Chemicals and Phlow as members of the Petersburg Pharmaceutical Cluster.

INITIAL MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES:

- 90 million vials per year
- 50 million pre-filled syringes
- High-speed line for filling insulin cartridges



Brightpoint Partnership



Career Opportunities

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Meet Mary Jackson

Transit Operator

*When my hands first hit those steering wheels,
I realized I just loved it.*



Mary Jackson will celebrate her 80th birthday this year and mark 50 years as a transit operator! A 1962 graduate of Southside High School in Dinwiddie County, she began her career working at the then Petersburg General Hospital and afterwards at Brown and Williamson, while raising her 5 children here in the City.

She is proud of her half-century transit career which started with driving a school bus in Petersburg, before transitioning to Chesterfield

County Schools, where she retired after 18 years of service.

However, her work was not done, and she joined Petersburg Area Transit in 2011 and went part-time in 2015. She refers to the management of Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) as the “*Dream Team*” which includes Director Charles Koonce, Darius Mason, Michele Gregory, Jeannette Watko and Curtis Moaning. She is delighted and proud that a young boy she used to drive to school is now her boss at

PAT, Mr. Mason.

Mary loves people and treats everyone with respect, which is reciprocated by her riders. “*No one messes with Ms. Mary,*” says her coworkers at PAT. Most people her age are happily retired but she loves to still stay active and get out of the house. When she does finally hang up her uniform for the last time, she will be looking forward to going on some cruises, enjoying going out to eat, and gathering with friends.

*I love people, I don't care where
you come from, I love you.*

For Mary, PAT is one big family for whom she is so incredibly grateful. They watch out for her, take care of her, and offer so much support. She is not just punctual for work; she typically arrives an hour early for her Walnut Hill route. While her time as a driver is now ending, she is looking forward to taking on a different role at PAT, because staying home is just not an option for this soon-to-be octogenarian.

Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you, Mary Jackson, for your outstanding service to our community!



Centre Hill Turns 200 This Year!

Built in 1823 by Robert Bolling IV, Centre Hill remained a Petersburg residence until 1936. The home's interior features outstanding examples of Greek Revival, Federal and Colonial Revival architecture. The basement galleries feature exhibitions on the history of Petersburg, including memorabilia and photographs from Centre Hill's archives, a turn-of-the-century aviary of stuffed birds from Australia and furnishings from First Baptist Church in Petersburg. Centre Hill has been used as a set for many feature films and TV series.

Plans are underway for the 200th celebration that will be held on June 3, 2023. The event will include special presentations and a reception.

Centre Hill will be open for Garden Week on Tuesday, April 18.

Admittance is with a Petersburg Garden Week Tour ticket.

The museum is open to visitors on Saturdays from 10am until 5pm and on Sundays from 1pm until 5pm.

WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS! Would you like to share your love of our City and museums with visitors? Please contact tourism@petersburg-va.org for details about becoming a docent.

Welcome Councilman Marlow Jones



Petersburg City Council has a new member. Marlow Jones won the Ward 1 seat vacated by Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith.

Born in Petersburg, Jones moved around the country as a child in a military family, before moving back to the City. He says he was one of those kids who just was not interested in school because it did not challenge him. He graduated from Petersburg High and years later feels strongly about the need for students to be inspired to

overcome challenges in school rather than being inspired to do so on the streets.

Councilman Jones' career path started in the military. He went on to work for the City of Petersburg for over 20 years, initially going through the first Citizen's Cadet Academy to become a firefighter, and later being Assistant Fire Marshal. Today he works for the Commonwealth as a Deputy State Fire Marshal.

As for his new role serving on City Council, something he has aspired to do for many years, Councilman Jones has many goals he would like to accomplish. *"Number one is to not be complacent, but always challenge myself and city employees to make sure we work with correct information. I am going to ask questions. I want to know where money is being spent and not wasted."*

When asked if he feels that Petersburg is at the corner of a turnaround, he says, *"It is*

and all that is missing is a little accountability. I am the only council member who has been a city employee, a citizen, and business owner in Petersburg, so I feel I have experience and insight."

One of his first goals he accomplished was to move up Public Comments during council work sessions. He feels that allowing citizens to speak earlier in meetings is more respectful of their time.

Having grown up in the "projects" in Petersburg, Councilman Jones feels strongly that people need to be in an environment where they are self-sufficient, can become entrepreneurs and treat each other better. He is currently authoring a book called *Hands Like Mine* which talks about solutions for "black on black" crime. He also feels that a deeper part of education is instilling good judgement and character and using mind over emotions. *"Emotions keep you in debt to something or somebody."*

Councilman Jones is a busy man. He is a restaurateur, owning OG Ribs & BBQ. He

You have to stay focused and steadfast and fight for what's right.

says it was adversity that led him to cooking. *"I hit rock bottom and the easy path would have been to go back on the streets, but God led me in the right direction to take care of my family."* He bought two smokers, and a neighbor taught him how to cook. Jones entered a professional culinary competition and placed high. At the next competition he won the People's Choice award.

In 2022, he opened a restaurant in Jarrett. Jones is now taking over the space formerly occupied by Cowlings BBQ on Rt. 460, making him the owner of two restaurants.

Councilman Jones is also a dog lover and a musician who loves to sing. He believes that *"we are the combination of the spirits of our people before us".*

"I love life. Look for life because love can run out. People fall in and out of love, but you only get one chance at life."

CITYWIDE CLEANUP

May 6, 2023 8am-Noon | YOU have an opportunity to DUMP YOUR JUNK for FREE

The Citywide Cleanup is for Petersburg residents only. Commercial haulers and contractors are prohibited. The amount of trash a resident may bring to the site should contain no more waste than what would fit in a pickup truck.

LOCATIONS:

**Cool Springs
Elementary School**
1450 Talley Avenue
(Parking Lot across from
the school)

Pleasants Lane
100 Pleasants Lane
(Parking Lot)

Peabody Middle School
725 Wesley Street
(Halifax Street -
Parking Lot)

**Pittman Annex
Parking Lot**
35 Pine Street
(Wythe St. Lot)

Blandford School
(Parking Lot)

Legends Park
1937 Johnson Road
(Recreation Parking Area)

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Household Trash • Furniture
White Goods (Appliances) • Carpet

CAN NOT ACCEPT:

Hazardous/Toxic Waste • Batteries
Engine Oil • Paints • Cleaning Chemicals
Herbicides/Pesticides • Liquid of ANY kind
Grass/Leaves/Brush • Tires • Food Waste

For more information, please contact Petersburg Public Works at 804-733-2415 or dontrash@Petersburg-va.org.

Bianca Lampley named Petersburg City Public Schools 2023 Division Teacher of the Year

Bianca Lampley, a 7th Grade History Teacher at Vernon Johns Middle School, has been chosen as the Division Teacher of the Year. Ms. Lampley identifies herself as the hashtag #TheRappinTeacher and raps in class. She uses rap music as a platform to connect and engage with her students. She also describes the importance she places on the home-school connection by using various types of mobile technology to provide access for parents to easily be able to see and participate in what their child is doing in her classroom.

“We are so proud of Ms. Lampley. Her enthusiasm for the use of manipulatives and technology is extensive and creative, which encourages students to make



real-life connections to history. Because of her genuine and obvious love of her content, many students voluntarily stay in class during lunch and after school with Ms. Lampley and continue their lessons. Students initiate real-life

discussions with Ms. Lampley during these sessions because of the rapport she has built with them,” said Vernon Johns Principal, Ms. Green.

“I’m so proud to represent Petersburg City Public Schools

division in the state level of the teacher of the year competition. Teaching is a passion of mine. I light up when I talk about it, and I’m just so thankful to be recognized for what I do in the classroom with my students,” said Bianca Lampley.

“Ms. Lampley has shown exemplary leadership abilities throughout her time as a teacher, and her commitment to excellence in education is obvious to those students who have had the pleasure of sitting in her classroom. We’re rooting for her as she continues her journey at the state level,” said Superintendent Dr. Tamara Sterling.

Ms. Lampley will represent PCPS as she competes for Regional Teacher of the Year.

Washington Street Improvement Project

There is a new green space to enjoy on Washington Street in the downtown area. The Petersburg Rotary Breakfast Club is leading the Washington Street Improvement Project in collaboration with several other organizations. There is now a conservation easement on the property, in perpetuity, and the title is held by the Appomattox River Soil and Water Conservation District, of which the City is a member. The goal is to create an oasis where there was once a heat island. This

is a “hot” topic across the nation in many cities, as too much concrete and not enough green space causes a rise in temperature, making cities warmer than surrounding rural areas. Here on Washington Street, many trees and shrubs have been carefully selected and planted to create a park to replace the concrete. Coming soon - look out for the new welcome sign to Petersburg that will grace the corner of the park!



Former Ramada Inn Demolition Completed

Following years of disrepair, neglect, code violations and court hearings, the former Ramada Inn is gone. Petersburg received grant money from the Commonwealth for the purchase, demolition, and site study. The study recommending the best and highest uses of the property, located off Exit 52, will be completed this spring.

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society is a community of lawyers whose mission is to provide free legal services to low income individuals in civil cases and to help the low income and elderly community through preventive community legal education.

We're here to help guide and provide clarity of the legal processes and justice system.

Daniel Shupe, Attorney

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS) serves vulnerable residents with legal issues relating to consumer, domestic violence, employment, elder care, family, health, housing, and public benefits. The Petersburg office also serves Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Ettrick, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Charles City and Surry. CVLAS defends the rights of those who cannot defend themselves and ensures justice is not out of reach for those who cannot afford it. For the staff who work here, it is not just a job, but a passionate and deeply personal commitment to working for justice for all.

Office manager, Michelle King, has worked for Legal Aid in Petersburg for 31 years. Growing up in poverty in Hopewell and witnessing her mother receive many of the benefits that the office provides, her work at Legal Aid became not only a great career, but also a way to fulfill her need to give back for all that her family had received.

For Rebekah Luttrell, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) attorney at the office, it is a way to dedicate herself to representing the victims of domestic violence, an issue she cares deeply about. She grew up in a family committed to service and to helping others.

For attorney Justina Ehiawaguan, she has held positions in the public service sector as well as Legal Aid and has a "passion for service to the downtrodden in



From Left to Right: Michelle King, Daniel Shupe, Kimberly Garcia, Rebekah Luttrell, Robert Robertson, Mellaney Gordon, Kimberly Bolinsky, Justina Ehiawaguan

our society". And for Paralegal Kimberly Garcia, it was an opportunity to "help people in the area I grew up in".

When you call the Petersburg office, the person answering the phone is most likely to be Mellaney Gordon, the legal assistant. She found Legal Aid later in her career but loves that she

now gets to combine her passion for helping people along with her customer service skills, while also having the opportunity to finish her degree in Criminal Justice, all in the city where she grew up.

Another person seen regularly volunteering at the office is Robert Robertson. Originally a recipient of their services, he now sits on the Board of Directors for

CVLAS and is the President of its Client Council, a supporting entity of CVLAS and dedicated to educating the community about the services available to them.

While there are four attorneys at the office along with the support team, CVLAS is also fortunate to have a network of lawyers who take cases on a pro-bono basis.

The office also depends on many dedicated volunteers who help answer phones, perform clerical duties and other crucial responsibilities supportive to the organization.

To carry out their work, CVLAS relies on various funding sources such as law firms, corporations, government entities, foundations, and civic groups. While CVLAS

cannot represent everyone in every matter, it is important to note that even if you do not qualify for their services, they will likely be able to direct you to the appropriate resources.

CVLAS also has offices in Richmond and Charlottesville.

New for 2023, CVLAS now has a Health Navigator in the Petersburg office. They will help with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace application process and choosing from the available plans.

Legal Aid Case Help:

Tenant's Rights and Foreclosure Defense

Domestic Violence and Family Law

Wills and Powers of Attorney

Employment and Public Benefits

Consumer and Debtor's Services

HOW TO QUALIFY:

- Must live within service area: Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Ettrick, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry
- Must be U.S. citizen, documented worker or meet non-citizen exceptions
- Household income and assets must be below federal poverty guidelines
- Have case within Legal Aid Case Acceptance Guidelines

If you think you have a civil legal issue, please call us as soon as possible. Do not wait for it to escalate.

Kimberly Bolinsky, Attorney

For more information about Legal Aid and if you qualify: visit www.cvlas.org or call at 804-862-1100 or stop by at 229 N. Sycamore St, right by the Courthouse complex. Monday - Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Petersburg Updating Comprehensive Plan!

WHAT IS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN? The Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year policy guide that will set the direction for future land use, growth, and development in the City. It will also assess existing conditions and establish goals and strategies for other aspects of life in Petersburg, including community health, economic development, parks and recreation, transportation, and infrastructure.

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?

The Comprehensive Plan update began in October 2022 with a kickoff meeting with City Council. A community engagement period ran from November 2022 to January 2023. The input from the community engagement phase is currently being reviewed and analyzed. Drafting of the Comprehensive Plan began in early March.

HOW CAN I SHARE MY VOICE AND STAY INVOLVED?

Visit the project website, www.petersburgvanext.com. You can share your big ideas for the City on the website's Idea Wall and subscribe for regular email updates. The Planning Commission will be holding work sessions every other month.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact the Petersburg Department of Economic Development, Planning, and Community Development at 804-733-2308.



Downtown Action Plan Underway!

WHAT IS A DOWNTOWN PLAN? Strong and economically vibrant cities have strong downtowns. Great downtowns are the result of great planning. The Downtown 2040 Action Plan for Petersburg will guide investment and improvements in Downtown for years to come. Given the importance of this work, the plan must be built from ideas and goals from community stakeholders. This is a collaborative process to define the next steps for Downtown Petersburg.

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS? We are just getting started!

The process kicked-off with an introductory presentation to City Council in February 2023. The team will spend the coming months collecting data about Downtown's past and present and talk with community stakeholders. To ensure time for widespread public engagement, the work will continue through the remainder of 2023.

HOW CAN I SHARE MY VOICE AND STAY INVOLVED?

Downtowns succeed by being a place that welcomes everyone. This begins with public outreach. Whether you are interested in housing, the riverfront, history, safety, streets, events and programming, art, small business support or something else, we need to hear from you! The team is working with the City to design a process that will offer



many ways for stakeholders to get involved. This will likely include a mix of small group discussion, surveys, large public events and "pop-up" meetings in Downtown or in your neighborhood. Stay tuned for more information and for opportunities to have your voice heard.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS? Please contact the Petersburg Department of Economic Development, Planning, and Community Development at 804-733-2308.

Petersburg has purchased a 100ft. Pierce Tiller Aerial Truck. This unit is being upgraded and serviced at Atlantic Emergency Solutions. A 2023 Pierce Engine is in production in Wisconsin. Both units are expected to be in service this summer.



Neighborhood Services

Mission Statement: Neighborhood Services through education and enforcement efforts support and enhance quality of life, while working hard to keep new and aging buildings, homes and properties safe, and sustainable for current and future residents.



Chief Jim Reid

“It’s an honor to be leading an incredible, hardworking team dedicated to the education, safety and enhancement of the quality of life for the citizens of Petersburg.”

Chief James “Jim” Reid, Jr.



Neighborhood Services encompasses four divisions: Code Compliance, Property Maintenance (Health and Safety), Right-of-Way and the Fire Marshal’s Office.

Code Compliance deals with new construction and renovation. When planning to build or renovate a building, you must submit plans and obtain the necessary permits. When work is completed, an inspection is

required. An example would be if you needed to rewire the electrical system in a house or building, you’d need to request a permit first, followed by an inspection.

The Property Maintenance (Health and Safety) division deals with homes and businesses in disrepair along with abandoned and blighted properties. They also manage complaints regarding occupied residential and commercial properties, such as there being no working heat or air conditioning.

The Right-of-Way and Permitting division oversees City right-of-ways and alleys. For example, if someone has excessive trash or debris that has been placed on a City right-of-way such as between a sidewalk and curb, it becomes a safety issue.

The Fire Marshal’s office enforces the Virginia Fire Code and conducts investigations to determine the cause and origin of fires. They also conduct plan reviews, site visits and the testing of fire protection systems, and offer public fire safety education.

REPORT CODE VIOLATIONS

Fire Marshal:
804-805-8097

Neighborhood Services:
804-733-2049

July 2022 to Present Cited Code Violations:
8,642

Court Cases:
68 criminal
7 civil



Petersburg celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

A packed house at the Library on Sunday, January 15, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Petersburg being the first in the nation to declare an official Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The crowd was treated to a history of Dr. King’s connection to the City of Petersburg by former Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith, followed by a rousing musical performance by homegrown talent Rodney Stith. Featured speaker Major General Barrye L. Price gave a fascinating insight into the life of MLK. Senator Mark Warner sent a letter in honor of the occasion, which was read by his outreach

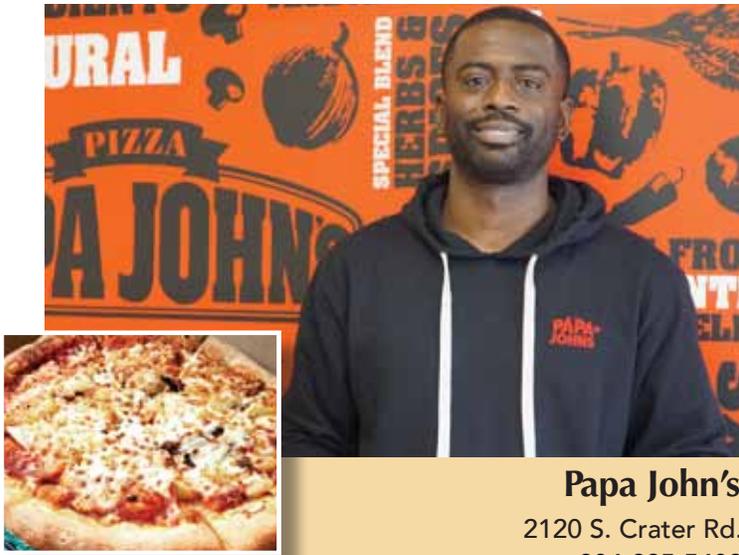
representative, Alexis Bowles-Fryar.

It was a fitting tribute to the late civil rights leader who visited Petersburg seven times, recruited some of his top staff from here and used the peaceful style of protest carried out in Petersburg as a model for the rest of the country.

The family of the late Roy Hines was in attendance and recognized. The youngest ever serving member of City Council at 25 years old, Hines initiated the move to proclaim the holiday. The first 100 guests received a commemorative mug and everyone was treated to a special MLK birthday cookie.

On January 17, at the City Council meeting, Mayor Sam Parham presented Library Director Wayne Crocker with a City Proclamation honoring the anniversary.

Petersburg Welcomes New Businesses!



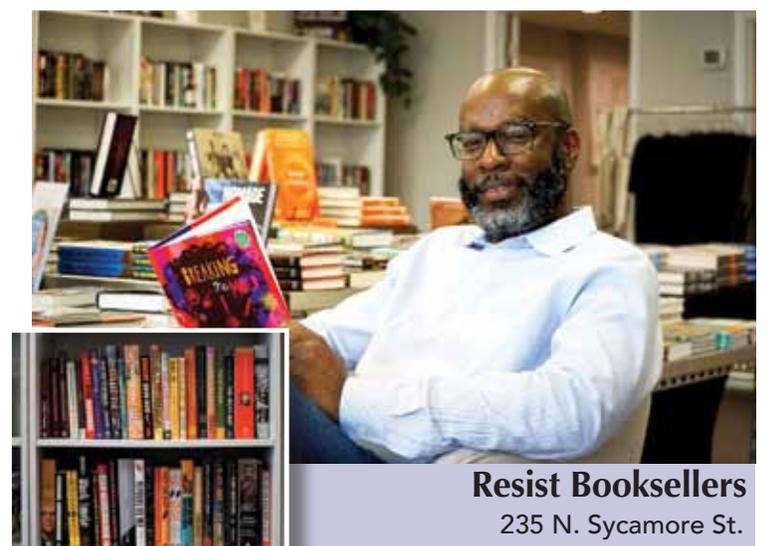
Papa John's
2120 S. Crater Rd.
804-835-5409



The Hangry Lion
101 W. Bank St.
804-733-7134



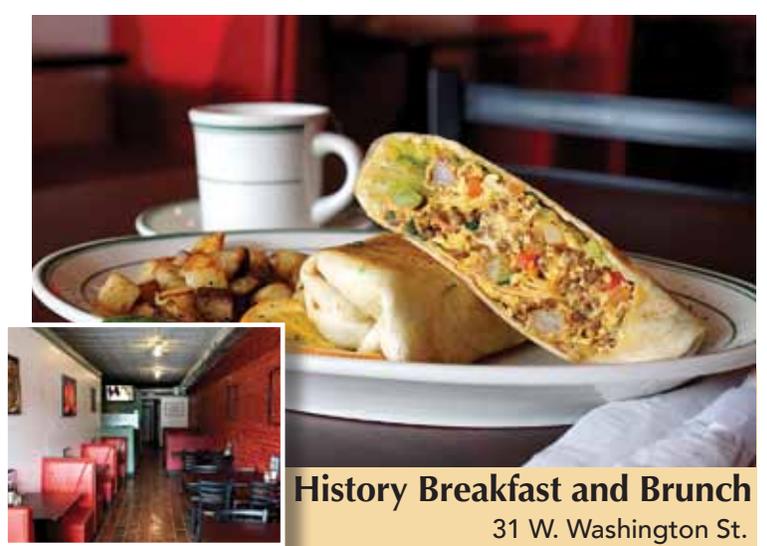
Loco Kitty
307 N. Sycamore St.
804-504-5319



Resist Booksellers
235 N. Sycamore St.
804-805-8721



Comeback Burger
404B N. Sycamore St.
804-451-9776



History Breakfast and Brunch
31 W. Washington St.
804-805-8972

Welcome, Rosella Humbles!

Petersburg's New Associate Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development



As the new 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent,

Rosella Humbles looks forward to addressing the most pressing youth development needs within Petersburg, such as literacy & academic support, health & wellness, and life skills development. She is excited for new opportunities to connect with Petersburg's youth, and to help our young people

reach their full potential. 4-H Summer Camp will be her focus while she also attends trainings for the next few months.

Now accepting applications for Teen Camp Counselors



**2023 Petersburg Jr. 4-H Camp
at Airfield 4-H Center:
June 26 - June 30, 2023**

For Youth, Ages 9-13 (\$340 fee)

To register go to: <http://v2.4honline.com/>
(select Jr. 4-H camp)

There will be a few local scholarships available. If any local businesses or individuals would like to donate funds for a youth to attend 4-H Camp (half or full scholarship) or to reward a student in Petersburg for good Attendance and Citizenship; please contact almady@vt.edu.



Master Commissioner of the Revenue Brittany Flowers

Congratulations to Brittany Flowers who is now a Master Commissioner of the Revenue. She is also the youngest person serving in this role in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She and her staff recently received news of their 2023 Office Accreditation. This is only awarded to those offices that have met the rigorous standards set forth by the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia. Thank you for your commitment to excellence!

Petersburg Public Library – It's Not Just For Books!

Apply for a free library card in-person or online at ppls.org/using-the-library/.

Use Your Library Card

- Check out books, audiobooks, DVDS, and electronic books
- Reserve meeting spaces for non-profits
- Use library computers
- Printing, Copying, Faxing

For Youth

- Free public Wi-Fi access (no card needed)
- Dedicated Children's Library
- Access to online research databases for school projects
 - Home School Open House
 - Juvenile Library Guild
 - Munch & a Movie
 - Blocks, Lego, & Games

STEM/STEAM

- Story Time
- Dial a Story

Other Services

- GED & ESL Classes
- Healthy Living and Learning Center
- Yoga with Hope Helton, Toning with Tanya, Caldwell's Chair Dance
- Market at PPL: local produce and prepared food, open Monday – Thursday, 3:00 to 6:00pm
- Apply for a Passport

Library Event Center

- Special Events
- City Council meetings
- Job Fairs

Stay informed about library happenings!

Visit: Monday - Thursday,
10am - 8pm,
Friday & Saturday
10am - 5pm

201 W. Washington Street
804-733-2387

www.ppls.org

Facebook:

Petersburg Public Library, Petersburg, VA

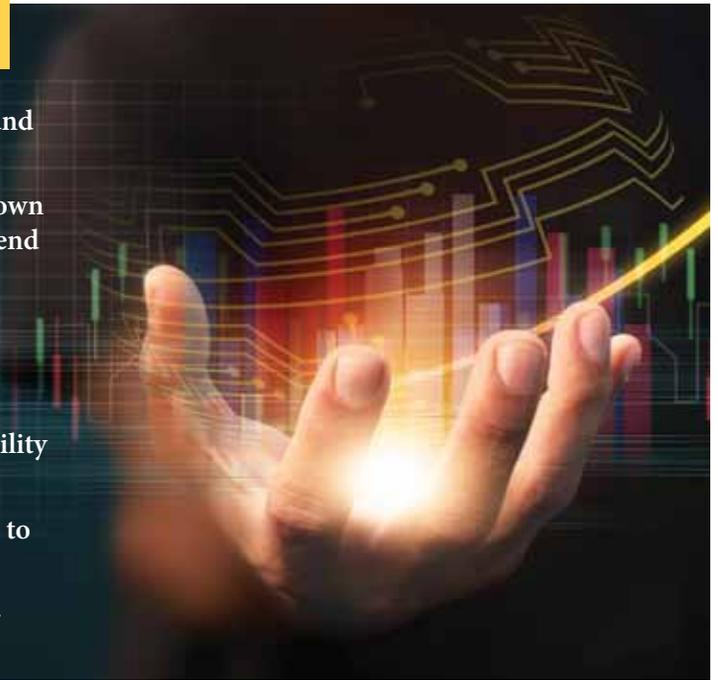
Instagram: @petersburgpublibrary
@pplsouthdepartment



**The Library now processes Passport applications.
To schedule an appointment and learn what to bring, call 804-733-2387.**

Petersburg Financial Update

- Over the past 6+ years, Petersburg has made material progress and is today structurally balanced in its Annual Budgets.
- Petersburg's Unassigned Fund Balance (Rainy Day Fund) has grown from essentially zero dollars in 2016 to over \$25 Million as of the end of fiscal year 2021, which equates to 34.4% of the City's budget.
- The City's debt profile remains positive (i.e., relatively low debt burden), allowing for significant debt capacity for new projects.
- Petersburg has identified several deferred capital projects to be addressed, including a new school and court facility (the court facility is a mandated project).
- Due to its structurally balanced budget(s), Petersburg can afford to address nearly \$90 million of deferred needs.
- As a result of the above progress, the City's credit rating is an A+ and expected to move up.



Spotlight On Senior Activities

Petersburg Department of Recreation, Events and Volunteerism, in collaboration with Tabernacle Baptist Church, offers a comprehensive Senior Citizen Program to improve quality of life for residents ages 55 and over. The program offers fitness sessions, health and wellness seminars, social events, and recreation activities. The program is held Mondays through Thursdays at the Tabernacle Community Life Center at 418 Halifax Street. For information on registering for senior programs, call the Department of Recreation at 804-324-4015. The office is located at 1937 Johnson Road.



Upcoming Senior Trips

(Petersburg Residents ONLY and must be registered with the Department of Recreation)

May 24 Senior Fish Fry/Bingo Petersburg Sports Complex \$10

Coming Soon: Senior Day in the Park, Richmond Flying Squirrels Game, Williamsburg Prime Outlets, State Fair of Virginia, and Carter's Mountain Orchard.

For more information, call 804-324-4015 or email recreation@petersburg-va.org.



Petersburg Department of Recreation, Events and Volunteerism Upcoming Events



REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP

June 26 – August 10 | Lakemont Elementary School
Mondays – Thursdays, 9am-4pm | FREE
Petersburg residents only - first 100 children
Campers receive a free meal.

SUMMER LEAGUE BASKETBALL

July 10 - August 3
Petersburg High School
Registration: \$20
(May 1 – June 2)
Late Registration: \$30



For more information on all programs, call 804-324-4015 or email us at recreation@petersburg-va.org.

Report Potholes

The Petersburg Department of Public Works Street Operations annual “Pothole Blitz” is underway. Resident engagement is important. If you see a pothole, take note of the street name and landmarks. If possible, take a picture and report it to the City. The goal is to dedicate the time and resources needed to ensure the safety of Petersburg streets.

Potholes can be reported by calling the Petersburg Streets Department at 804-733-2415, the City website at “Report A Concern” button (homepage - www.petersburg-va.org) and via the direct link:





Know When Utility and Tax Bills Are Due

2nd Installment of Personal Property Taxes - June 10, 2023
Fiscal Year runs from July 1 - June 30

Real Estate Taxes
Real estate taxes: 4th quarter June 30, 2023 | 1st quarter - September 20, 2023
2nd quarter - December 31, 2023 | 3rd quarter - March 31, 2024

Utility Bills - Due on the 5th of each month.



Department of Collections - Office Hours

The Department of Collections is now open from 7:30am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. This allows residents to come in before work if needed, to address payments and start or terminate Utility Services.

City Council Meetings

Petersburg City Council meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday in-person. There are no regular meetings in the month of August. All are welcome to attend in person at the Petersburg Public Library, or the meetings can be watched live here: <https://www.petersburgva.gov/1177/Live-Meetings>

UPCOMING OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

All Petersburg City government offices will be closed on the listed holidays. This includes Petersburg Area Transit and all bus service operations.

Dogwood Trace Golf Course is open on all holidays, except for Christmas Day.

Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) residential recycling and trash collections are usually delayed by one day for the week on holidays. Check times at www.cvwma.com.

Memorial Day Monday, May 29 • **Juneteenth** Monday, June 19 • **Independence Day** Tuesday, July 4



CITY OF PETERSBURG
135 N. Union Street
Petersburg, VA 23803
www.petersburg-va.org

JUNETEENTH

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Old Towne Civic Center - 6pm
136 River St.

The City is partnering with Petersburg Communities Inc. (PCI) to host the Follies with a theme of "We Are One" for Juneteenth. This will be an evening of entertainment for the entire family. There will be comedians, spoken word, musical bands, singers and dancers. A special recognition will be held for Marva Hicks and Joe Jefferson, as well as an awards presentation.

Petersburg Citywide Drainage Study Underway

A stormwater management study underway will identify problems and outline solutions for flood mitigation throughout Petersburg. Much of the City's main infrastructure is nearly 100 years old and as Petersburg continues to grow, stormwater management systems must be upgraded and expanded to handle demand and prevent flooding.

"Areas of Petersburg's storm sewer system are overwhelmed with stormwater runoff during rainfall events due to a combination of (1) inadequate stormwater infrastructure, and (2) longer, more frequent, and more intense storms occurring as a result of climate impacts," said Darryl Walker, Petersburg Stormwater Program Manager. *"Mapping our storm sewer system assets and modeling watersheds in the City will give us a better idea of where drainage issues exist and what can be done to address them. Improving drainage and reducing localized flooding experienced by residents is an extremely high priority for the City's Stormwater Management Program."*

The study team, led by Timmons Group, is surveying storm sewer assets in a pilot area in Old Towne. After collection within the pilot area is complete and data collection methodologies have been refined based on Petersburg's unique characteristics, data collection will proceed throughout the City. Stormwater assets being mapped include stormwater inlets, manholes, pipe inlets/outlets, swales and channels, and stormwater management facilities (such as wet and dry ponds). A goal of the project is to map all stormwater features including those on both public and private property.

Survey crews will consist of at least 2 team members wearing identifying clothing. The crews will be carrying survey equipment, measuring devices and



other needed tools. As part of their surveys the study team will open inlets/manholes, take measurements and observations inside the storm structure, and photograph the structure. In some cases, the survey crew may need to access private property to facilitate the collection of stormwater infrastructure data. The survey crew will not enter fenced areas without permission from the homeowner.

The study is being funded by a \$2+ million dollar grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) through the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund.