



OUR HEART IS IN THE EAST END

Peter Paul eNews - April 2021


Dear Sarah,

Our spring programming is in full swing, and the Peter Paul team is working hard to keep our students and families engaged during the upcoming months! We hope you are doing your best to take care of yourselves during an ever-changing, difficult time for our community, country, and world. Peter Paul will do our best to remain a pillar for our community in tough times such as these, and we welcome you to engage with us during upcoming programs and events as a way to stay connected. With that in mind, we can't wait to share a few new exciting programs with you, and we hope you will join us and share these announcements with your friends and neighbors.

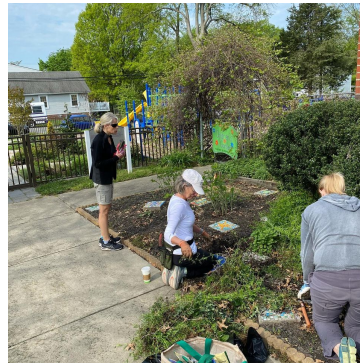
One partner announcement - we are happy to share that The East End Library is now open! Patrons are now free to stop by to browse, hop on the computers, and check out books. Got a kid who's bored of reading what's at the house? Bring them by! Also, there are no longer any overdue fines. If your card was blocked because of overdues, they are gone and you're in good standing. They've gotten a ton of new books over the last year for adults, teens, kids, and everyone in between, so be sure to head to the library and check them out -- we can't wait to see our students and families back in the library!

Check out more updates below, and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for the latest announcements. Thank you for your continued passion for Peter Paul and our purpose to Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community.



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Volunteer Opportunities!



During this year's National Volunteer Week, we want to give a big thank you to all our volunteers who have contributed their time and resources throughout the pandemic! Volunteers and members of [St. Peter's Episcopal Church](#) play an ongoing role in Peter Paul's food distribution program by helping to prepare food bags on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm, and volunteers also help with the distribution of those bags on the subsequent Wednesday at 8:00 am. This program provides food to dozens of our neighbors. [The Boxwood Garden Club](#) helps tend our playground and gardens every Wednesday morning at 9:30. We are so grateful for their partnership!

We also want to send a huge shoutout to the volunteers who have attended our Community Walks this past month to meet neighbors and hand out resources! Our next Community Walk will be held on **May 15th at 12 pm.**

If you would like to attend a community walk, lend a hand and help prepare our gardens for our students' return, or help with community food distribution, please reach out to Michael Bledsoe at mbledsoe@peterpaulva.org

Summer Promise Academy at Peter Paul

[The Summer Promise Academy](#) returns for in-person learning in 2021! The full-day, enrollment-based Summer Promise Academy provides students with a variety of educational, enrichment, and cultural activities, for seven weeks during the summer. Peter Paul's **FREE** Summer Promise Academy provides a summer of fun, learning, and exploration! We cannot wait to be back in the building with our students, and planning is well underway for an enriching, fun, and safe summer!

Program highlights include:

- Small Classes
- Hands-on learning and projects
- Field Trips
- Special Events
- Transportation
- Breakfast and Lunch
- Family Engagement opportunities



The poster is yellow and purple. At the top, it says 'July 6- August 20' and 'Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm'. It features a logo with a flower and the text 'SUMMER PROMISE ACADEMY'. Below that, it says '@ Peter Paul Coleman Promise Center'. A central message reads 'Peter Paul FREE Summer Promise Academy program provides a summer of fun, learning, AND exploration!'. A green box contains the text: 'As part of the enrollment process each student is required to show a birth certificate and to submit a School Entrance Health Form and Immunization Record.' Two purple boxes list 'Highlights Include:' and 'Also Providing:'. The 'Highlights' box lists: 'Small Classes', 'Hands on learning and projects', 'Field Trips', 'Special Events', 'All Transportation', and 'Breakfast and lunch provided!'. The 'Also Providing' box says: 'Now signing up students who live in the East End to join us. Hurry! Spaces are limited. Registration is based on first come, first-served.' and 'Register online at: www.peterpaulva.org/summerpromise or complete the reverse and return to Peter Paul (1708 N 22nd St.)'. At the bottom, it provides the address 'Peter Paul | 1708 N 22nd Street | Richmond, VA 23223' and social media links for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

(Click to enlarge)

This year's program will be limited to 70 students. Transportation will be provided in a limited capacity in alignment with CDC guidance to maintain COVID-safe distancing. Please indicate if your student(s) will require transportation to and from Peter Paul's [Summer Promise](#) Program on the application. CLICK [HERE](#) TO APPLY

For more information and help with the application, please contact Dr. Stephanie Bassett, Director of Education, at (804) 780-1195 or sbassett@peterpaulva.org

Check out our upcoming events!

Introducing Fitness Fridays! The weather is heating up and it's time to get outside with the family. Join us for a socially distanced, outdoor workout every other Friday this spring starting April 16th. Last week, Phoenecia Hill led us through a fun old-school hip hop workout. On April 30th, she will lead us through another fun workout for the whole family to enjoy!

Click [here](#) to register and receive location and additional details prior to the event.

EMPOWER THE COMMUNITY

Fitness Friday

Every Other Friday at 6:00 p.m.
Starting April 16th

Host: Chimere Miles and staff from VCU Health Hub

Join us for socially-distanced, outdoor fitness and fun for the whole family. Please register beforehand using the link below for location and additional details!



Registration
<http://bit.ly/FCESpringProgramming>



EMPOWER THE COMMUNITY

Info Feast

Every Other Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Starting April 23rd

Host: Chimere Miles

Peter Paul's Info Feasts are back! Join us this spring as we discuss an array of topics with our staff, community partners, and subject matter experts.



Registration
<http://bit.ly/FCESpringProgramming>




We are also happy to announce that Peter Paul's Info Feasts are back this spring with more resources to share with you!

This round will feature more community partners and subject matter experts on an array of topics from COVID safety, education, civic engagement, and more. Last week's topic was "Fun in the Sun" and included tips for staying safe while enjoying summer enrichment opportunities. Our experts shared tips for you to keep your family safe this summer amidst the pandemic. Click [here](#) to watch the recording, and click [here](#) to register for the next Info Feast!

For more information on these events contact Sherika Chew, schew@peterpaulrva.org and be sure to connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for updates!

Vaccine Clinic- April 27th



FREE COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC
SESSION B: APRIL 27, 2021
9:00AM-10:15AM
(MODERNA VACCINE)

REGISTRATION:
[HTTP://BIT.LY/APRIL27CLINIC](http://bit.ly/april27clinic)

COME TO PETER PAUL (1708 N. 22ND ST., RICHMOND VA 23223) AND VOLUNTEERS WILL DIRECT YOU. PLEASE BRING YOUR IDENTIFICATION!

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CALL (804) 780-1195 OR CONTACT KIM YOUNG (KYOUNG@PETERPAULRVA.ORG) WITH QUESTIONS.

Have questions about the vaccine? Visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/richmond-city/



Thank you to the Virginia Department of Health, our amazing Peter Paul staff, and the commitment of the community we serve, for ensuring 63 more of our East End neighbors are vaccinated against COVID-19. Peter Paul will be hosting another vaccine clinic on **Tuesday, April 27th from 9:00-10:15 am** (updated time!)

Click [HERE](#) to register, and please share with your networks!

For questions about the vaccine clinic, please contact Kim Young, kyoung@peterpaulrva.org

Upcoming CAN Meeting



**COMMUNITY
ACTION
NETWORK**

Join the Community Action Network (CAN)! The CAN convenes and connects a collaborative of East End neighbors and area health and human service providers to encourage community

unification and provide shared learning opportunities by breaking down silos, aligning efforts, and sharing accountability for services that support the East End community. Service providers walk alongside our neighbors with a goal of enhancing quality of life, while encouraging families and their children to rise academically and contribute to the well-being of the community.

**The next Community Action Network Meeting will be held
May 26th from 10:00 am-11:30 am**

[Click here to register](#)

Want to make an even greater impact?

Consider making your next gift a recurring one and join our Monthly Giving Program! In a time like no other, your monthly gift would offer a steady stream of support to our students, families, and community by providing food distribution, academic instruction, school supplies, virtual hangouts, and so much more.

YOUR monthly gift of any size makes a difference in the lives of many East End families!



Join the growing number of Peter Paul supporters who provide ongoing support to our families!
Click [HERE](#) to find out more about our Monthly Giving Program.

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