

The City FOCUS

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Colonial Heights



LEAF PICKUP CHANGES



The Public Works Department will modify the 2006 leaf pickup season by dividing the City into five pickup areas. These smaller pickup areas will increase efficiency and help ensure all leaves will be collected during the scheduled days. Citizens must have their leaves placed behind the street curbing BEFORE the scheduled collection days. Leaves placed during the collection dates may not be collected until the next scheduled rotation. Inclement weather may require slight delays, however all leaves will be collected in a timely manner. The leaf collection season runs from October 30 through December 29 with the exception of holidays.



MOVIE THEATRE EXPANSION AND NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL



Regal Cinemas has broken ground on their proposed 72,981 square foot facility with 16 cinemas and 3,114 total seats. Along with the new 16-screen multiplex cinema will come a new traffic signal at the intersection of Southpark Boulevard and Southpark Circle. Specifically, this location is the intersection adjacent to Outback Steakhouse and Merchant Tire's. This signal is being required by the City in-lieu of a three-way stop that was proposed by the Mall's traffic engineer. The signal at this high volume intersection will operate more efficiently and orderly than the three-way stop scenario. Construction is expected to be completed on both the multiplex cinema and the new traffic signal sometime in the latter part of 2007.

RENTAL INSPECTION PROGRAM ORDINANCE APPROVED

On October 10th the City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance authorizing a rental inspection program. The program would begin in the Shepard Stadium and Violet Bank-Flora Hill neighborhoods. This process would allow the City to detect housing violations early and seek corrective measures from the landlord before they begin to adversely impact our neighborhoods. The City Council held two public hearings prior to finalizing the ordinance and approving the first reading of the inspection plan. If the City Council approves the second reading of the ordinance on November 14, 2006, the ordinance will become effective ninety days after.

CITY'S WEBSITE PROMOTES COMMUNITY!

The Internet offers local government a great tool for reaching out to residents, businesses, and visitors. The City of Colonial Heights website showcases a wide range of interests in our community. In addition to providing government-oriented information and services, the City's website advances a comprehensive community approach through partnerships. The City hosts the Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce on the web and also provides links to our schools, civic clubs, and other community service/non-profit organizations in town. Visit our "Community Info" section to find information on the history of Colonial Heights, a relocation guide, local news and weather, as well as links to websites of interest to the Colonial Heights community. www.colonial-heights.com

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PHASE IV FUNDING FOR BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION

In September the City Council appropriated an additional \$50,000 for matching grants to continue the program. The City Council has approved over 50 project requests for matching grants. Approximately 50% of the projects have now been completed and the cumulative impact is showing. Landscaping, parking lot and building improvements are all evident. To date, for every dollar of public funds invested, five dollars in private capital has been expended. Phase IV applications will need to be submitted by January 29, 2007. A merchants review committee will develop findings and recommendations for City Council's consideration in February 2007.



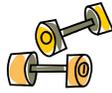
EXCLUSION METERS



The City has exclusion meters to record outside water usage, such as watering your lawn and water used in washing your car, that does not return into the sewage system. A sewage credit can be issued on your bi-monthly bill for this usage. These meters may be purchased for \$44.00 at the Treasurer's Office and then picked up next door in Utility Billing Office located in City Hall at 201 James Avenue. The meter reading can be called in 24-hours a day at 804 520-8777 or on the City website at www.colonial-heights.com/FinanceExclusionMeterForm.htm. For additional information, please call Utility Billing at (804) 520-9288.



FROM THE SENIOR CENTER



Looking for a program that helps you look better or feel better? Look no further than Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks/**Senior Activities**. There is something for every BODY - the daily in-house calendar is packed with variety, not to mention tons of day trips or land and sea cruises.

Think (*know*) you need to start an exercise program? - we have lay-down classes, sit-down classes and stand-up classes - all designed for strength and core training as well as overall fitness. To add variety, we have tai-chi, line dancing and even a ping-pong game on the schedule. You can choose to *move* everyday of the week. Want to stimulate your brain creatively and intellectually – come to oil-painting and water-color sessions, unusual craft classes or table games to include card, scrabble and bingo games. A variety of bus trips are always in the plans for “going”, “doing” and “seeing”.

For more information and scheduling of our programs, please come to the Senior Center located at 157 Roanoke Ave. or call 520-9220.



POLICE AID VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE WITH NEW PROGRAM



The Safe Pets Program is coming to Colonial Heights. The program offers temporary shelter for animals whose owners must seek emergency shelter from an abusive situation. The Police Department recognizes that some women and men seeking shelter from an abusive situation are unwilling to leave a companion animal or animals behind. They may fear for the animal's welfare, or simply be unwilling to leave behind a beloved companion. It is also recognized that animals living in violent households are also victims of abuse. The police department and animal control, working in partnership with R.E.A.C.T. (Referral Education to Assist Children in Trauma) and the S.P.C.A. (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), will provide emergency services, 24-hours per day, to pick up companion animals needing shelter. The animal can stay up to thirty days while the victim of domestic abuse focuses on their situation. Agreements and waivers must be signed in order to participate in the program. For more information on this program please contact 520-9397 or 520-9300.

NEW HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE TRAILER

Colonial Heights Fire and EMS has taken delivery of a new Hazardous Material Response Trailer because of the generous donations that the volunteers have received.

The Fire Department recently began to look at the needs of the community to protect its citizens, visitors, and transportation infrastructure from the threat of hazardous materials. The Department then realized that it could not handle all hazardous materials incidents alone. Firefighters from Colonial Heights have joined forces with the City of Hopewell, City of Petersburg, County of Prince George, County of Dinwiddie, and Fort Lee to create the Crater Regional Hazardous Materials Team. After the team was established, it worked with other jurisdictions and decided that Colonial Heights would focus on defensive level tactics. The team members approached the volunteers to assist in purchasing a new larger trailer. The volunteer membership voted and appropriated the money for the purchase.



The new trailer is 30' x 8' and is set up to carry supplies and equipment for various types of hazardous material releases. There will be a work station to conduct command operations and hazardous material research within the trailer. Equipment that will be carried includes absorbent materials, water booms, damming materials, and PVC pipes, straw, tools, etc. The department will also have equipment for rapid decontamination for victims and firefighters that may be exposed to a hazardous material. The work station will have reference materials and power supply to operate computers and monitoring equipment.

JAYCEES 53RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Tuesday, December 5th, 2006
7:00 p.m.

For more information, call
Denise Schnabel at 651-1397 or visit the Jaycees
website at www.colonialheightsjaycees.org



SERVICE AWARD RECOGNITION



Each year, the City of Colonial Heights recognizes employees for their continuous years of City service through the Employee Service Award program. We are proud to recognize this year's award recipients for their commitment to public service and the City of Colonial Heights.

5 Years

Eric A. Albert
Lewis A. Archileti
Kristin P. Clay
Christopher S. Davis
Garland R. Foster
Joy W. Moore
Janice D. Pattison
Karen K. Saunders
Charles E. Wallace
John P. Wilkinson

10 Years

Phyllis J. Cheely
Patricia L. Cox
Patsy A. Dixon
Laura L. O'Hara
Steven F. Perkins

35 Years

Joseph A. Tucker, Jr.

15 Years

David W. Avent
Stephanie E. Early
Steven P. Kolev
Eugene C. Nelson, III
Arlene R. Walters

20 Years

Sean E. Gleason
Daniel E. Kanusek, Jr.
J. Chris Kollman, III
Stacy L. Stafford

25 Years

Elmer R. Ellis, Sr.
Mary C. Fallin
Wayne T. Newsome
Deborah T. Pulver

40 Years

John A. Rooney

ANCESTRY.COM

The Colonial Heights Public Library is now providing residents with the Internet's most powerful resource for genealogy research. Ancestry.com provides residents with access to historical federal census records, birth, marriage and death records for the United States and Great Britain, along with immigration and passenger lists.

This resource also allows you to share genealogy information with others online and provides a learning center with tips from the pros on creating your family tree. Visit the library today and the staff will show you how to get started.



The City Focus



The City Focus is a newsletter mailed to residents of the City of Colonial Heights, published by the Office of the City Manager, to inform residents of government actions and events of interest in the City.

This newsletter is printed on recycled paper with soy ink.

RECREATION & PARKS

Trips:

- ☆ **Washington Redskins vs. Atlanta Falcons** - Sunday, December 3, 2006 at the FedEx Field. Cost \$250.00 per person. Seats lower level end zone. Price includes transportation and ticket to game.
- ☆ **Riverside Dinner Theater** - Fredericksburg, VA Wednesday, December 13, 2006. Fee: \$46.00 per person. Price includes lunch, show and transportation on vans. Depart from the Community Building at 9:30 am. Lunch at 12:00 noon and show time at 1:30 pm. Return back to Colonial Heights around 6:30 pm.
- ☆ **Bermuda Cruise** - October 28 - November 2, 2007. Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines "Grandeur of the Seas". Cost: \$777.00 (inside) - \$854.00 (outside) per person (double occupancy). Motor coach transportation to and from Baltimore, MD, cabin, shipboard meals, port charges & taxes.
- ☆ **Atlantic City** at the Tropicana Hotel - February 25 -27, 2007. Price \$253.00 per person (double occupancy). Price includes transportation, 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, \$20.00 coin bonus and if available show ticket.

Activities:

- ☆ **Belly Dance Class** - October 26 - December 14, 2006. Beginners 6:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursdays Cost \$70.00 and Intermediates 7 :00 - 8:30 pm on Thursdays, Cost \$85.00. Classes held at the Community Building.
- ☆ **Aerobic Classes** - October 16 - November 13, November 20 - December 18. Classes held at Lakeview Elementary School Gym Mondays & Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Fee: \$29.00 per person.
- ☆ **Tae Box Classes** - November 14 - December 28 (this session includes 3 extra days) Fee: \$45.00. Classes held at Lakeview Elementary School Gym 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- ☆ **Oil Painting Classes** - November 11, 2006 and December 9, 2006. Instructor: Diana Martin, Price \$60.00 - \$65.00 per person. Class fee must be paid one week from date due to purchasing supplies. Classes held at Community Building from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Class is open for ages 12 and up.
- ☆ **Lunch and Workshop with Santa** - Dec. 16, 2006 at the Community Building. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

MAYOR'S RECEPTION

Mayor J. Chris Kollman, III is retiring from elected office. A reception is being held to honor the Mayor for his 28 years of service to the City of Colonial Heights. Everyone is invited.

The reception will be held on December 19, 2006 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Highland United Methodist Church located at 125 E. Westover Ave.

A presentation will be held at 6:00 p.m.

If you would like to make a donation for this event, please contact Kim Rollinson at 520-9360 or Tammy Draper at 520-9316.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

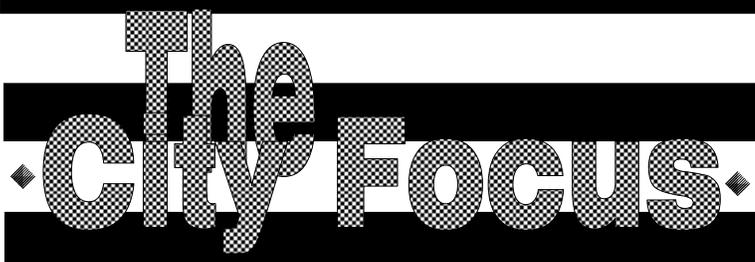


SPONSORED BY THE MAYOR'S BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AND THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Join in the fun while getting into the Christmas spirit by signing-up to participate in the Christmas Decorating Contest. All entries for this year's contest must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2006. Participants must reside within the City. The judging will take place Thursday, December 14, 2006, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Judges are chosen by the Beautification Committee, and all reside outside of the City of Colonial Heights. All entries will be judged on merit with several categories.

For further information, or to obtain entry forms, please contact the Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce at 526-5872 or the Clerk of Council at 520-9360.



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