

The City Focus

Official Newsletter for the City of Colonial Heights



Winter 2020



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COUNCIL COLUMN

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Its that time again when the leaves are falling and the temperature is dropping. We sure hope the winter is not as bad as the previous season has been this year with all the storms and rain. We will have to

see what's in store for us. If you have not signed up for Civic Ready on the City's web site, colonialheightsva.gov, you may want to consider this to receive important messages from the city about pending weather and other information about the city (see page 3 for information). Also check the web site for the leaf pick up schedule (see page 12 for information).

While the City has been fortunate in not having an extremely high impact from COVID-19, I encourage you to continue to be diligent in protecting your health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As citizens have been driving around the city, you may have had to negotiate construction zones on Conduit Road. The first one was in front of the Tech Center. This was a sewer line break that consisted of 225 ft of collapsed line. This occurred during the rains from the storm on August 16, 2020 when the city had significant flooding in the Sherwood Hills area. The repair cost was \$194,000. The second line failure was in front of The Home Depot, where 520 ft of line collapsed and had to be repaired. The cost of this repair was \$335,000. With many old water and sewer lines in the ground, the city will experience more of these problems.

You may have noticed some new vehicles in the Public Safety Fleet. The City has purchased a new 2019 E-One Cyclone 95' aerial platform. It comes equipped with a 1500 gallon per minute pump ground ladders, and current safety features to include rollover protection and interior air bags. This fire unit will replace the 20-year-old Pierce Ladder Truck which will be used as a reserve for the next 5 to 10 years.

The Police Department and Sheriff's Department have put into service 2019 All-Wheel Drive Police Cruisers. These vehicles have the current safety features for our employees and will allow officers to be able to respond to incidents in inclement weather.

There are some new businesses planned for the property that Kroger owns at 401 Temple Ave. Be on the lookout for the announcement of these businesses.

To the Citizens of Colonial Heights, it has been a pleasure to serve you on City Council for the past 12 years. I am not seeking re-election as I feel it is time for someone else to step up to the plate. I have enjoyed working with citizens to try and help them solve a problem or point them in the right direction. If you ever need anything don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

On the Cover.....

Thank you to Tatiana Hoosack for submitting this Winter themed picture for this edition of the City Focus. This picture was taken at the Old Brick (Kennon) House, 131 Waterfront Drive. Visit <https://www.colonialheightsva.gov/498/Old-Brick-House> for more information.

Dec 8	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 24-25	Holidays Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Jan 1	Holiday New Year's Day
Jan 4	City Council Organizational Mtg 7:30 pm - Council Chambers
Jan 5	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Jan 12	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Jan 15	City Council Retreat 9:00 am Ashton Creek Vineyard & Event Center
Jan 18	Holiday Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Feb 2	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers (tentative)
Feb 9	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Feb 15	Holiday President's Day
Feb 16	City Council Special Meeting 6:00 pm - Council Chambers (tentative)

Mar 2	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers (tentative)
Mar 9	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Mar 16	City Council Special Meeting 6:00 pm - Council Chambers (tentative)


CONGRATULATIONS
 NEWLY ELECTED & RE-ELECTED
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS


 Michael Cherry


 Gregory Kochuba


 Laura Poe


 Bobby Wade

Our newly elected City Council Members terms will begin on January 1st, 2021. They will be sworn in at the Organizational Meeting which will be held on Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 7:30 pm. in Council Chambers.



SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY:
 Visit www.colonialheightsva.gov and click on the homepage Community Spotlight Links to get started!



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&
Notify Me

We are encouraging ALL residents to sign up for both of our notification systems!

- **Civic Ready:** Water Outages, Significant Emergency Events (thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, or other widespread events).
- **Notify Me Alert Center:** Choose what City information is important to you! City Events, Meetings, and other Important City Alerts.

For assistance please call (804)520-9265.

FROM THE BILLING & COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WINTER 2020/2021 IMPORTANT DATES

November 1, 2020, 2021 Dog and Cat tags are available for sale.

December 7, 2020, the 2nd half of 2020 Personal Property Taxes are due. In order to avoid penalty and interest, taxes must be paid by this date. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from any late charges. Please mail or bring your bill with you when making payment. Please pay all Personal

Property taxes by due date to avoid a Vehicle Registration Stop being placed at DMV. The **LARGE WHITE DROP BOX** is also available for all payments outside of City Hall. If you prefer to pay by credit card, you may visit the City website at www.colonialheightsva.gov/epayments. If receipt is needed, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

February 1, 2021, the 2021 Colonial Heights Dog and Cat tags are due. A valid rabies certificate and proof of spay/ neuter (if applicable) must be presented.

- 1-year tags:
Regular Dog or Cat tags: \$10.00 each
Neutered or spayed tags: \$2.00 each
- 2-year tags*:
Dog or Cat tags: \$20.00 each
Neutered or spayed tags: \$4.00 each
- 3-year tags*:
Dog or Cat tags: \$30.00
Neutered or spayed tags: \$6.00

**In order to purchase a 2- or 3-year tag, the rabies must expire in 2022 for a 2-year tag and 2023 for a 3-year tag.*

These tags may be purchased through the mail or in the drop box located in the parking lot at City Hall. Please enclose copies of the necessary documents with your payment, and we will mail the tags back to you. All tags must be purchased by February 1, 2021 to avoid a 25% late fee

Drop Box Payments

The **LARGE WHITE DROP BOX** is also available for all payments outside of City Hall. If you prefer to pay by credit card, you may visit the City website at www.colonialheightsva.gov/epayments. If receipt is needed, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

ALL checks should be made payable to "CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS"

Sheila S. Minor, Director of Finance
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Colonial Heights Community First Water Utility Grant



Have you experienced loss of income due to COVID-19?

Are you past due on your water bill?

- **Apply today for a grant to bring your water bill current!**
- **The application period is from December 1-December 31, 2020.**
- **Applications are available online at www.colonialheightsva.gov**

For more information, please call (804) 324-5496 or email payneb@colonialheightsva.gov

Utility Payments Made Easy!

New utility bills which debuted in September were part of the City's ongoing financial system replacement. Utility Billing was the first of a five-part system implementation to go live, and with the new system, the City is able to offer more ways to make paying your utility bills easier.

- **Direct debit/ EFT:** Hate writing checks or going online to pay bills? If you'd rather set it up and forget it, then direct debit is for you! The City will debit your designated account for the balance of your utility bill, without you having to do anything. To sign up, go to the City's website at www.colonialheightsva.gov/195/utility-billing and complete the form.
- **E-billing:** Rather get your bill via email than postal service? We can now send bills by email! To get your utility bill by email, send an email requesting E-billing to CHUtilityBilling@colonialheightsva.gov.
- **Online bill pay:** Can't find your bill? No worries! Go online to www.colonialheightsva.gov/ and go to I Want To....> Pay Online> Utility Bill. Our new financial system is integrated with our website so you can look up the amount due and pay online by credit, debit, or e-check without fees!

For more information or questions on any of these services, contact our Utility Billing Division at 804-520-9288.

COLONIAL HEIGHTS RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

P.O. Box 3401 / 901 Meridian Avenue

Colonial Heights, VA 23834

www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks

Recreation and Parks Office (804)520-9390
Senior Activities & Classes (804)520-9220
Senior Transportation (804)520-9219
Office on Youth & Human Svcs (804)520-9286
Weather Cancellation Line (804)524-8788
Violet Bank Museum (804)520-9395



CONNECT WITH US
ON SOCIAL MEDIA...



SPORTS & ATHLETICS

REGISTER BY MAIL

To register by mail, send your registration form with check to:

Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks
P.O. Box 3401
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

REGISTER IN PERSON

To register in-person, please visit our office, Monday - Friday 8:00am-5:00pm:

Recreation and Parks Office
Shepherd Stadium
901 Meridian Avenue
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

REGISTER BY PHONE

Call the office at (804)520-9390 during office hours to register. All phone-in registrants are responsible for signing a waiver form and returning it to the Recreation office before the first class.

REGISTER ONLINE

To register online, please visit us online at www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks and click the Recreation Programs link.

DROP BOX

We have a drop box for after hours collection of registrations, payments and uniforms; located in front of our office at Shepherd Stadium, 901 Meridian Avenue. Checks only, please do not place cash in the drop box.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Recreation Dept accepts Cash, Check, money order and major Credit Cards.

Please make checks payable to:

"City of Colonial Heights"
\$50 fee may apply for returned checks

YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Ages: 5-15 (as of 1/1/2021)

Registration for 2020 youth basketball leagues is underway. The deadline to register has been extended to December 11. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Fee: \$20 until December 11; \$30 after December 11 and as space permits, children registered after December 11 may be placed on a waiting list.

Coed:

Instructional League	ages 5-6
Instructional League	ages 7-8

Boys:

U10 League	ages 9-10
U12 League	ages 11-12
U15 League	ages 13-15

Girls:

U10 League	ages 9-10
U12 League	ages 11-12
U15 League	ages 13-15

COVID-19 and Youth Basketball

We are still monitoring the COVID-19 situation to include restrictions, protocols, and safety of our participants and staff. While we hope that we will be able to hold our traditional youth basketball league, we may need to adjust the format and schedule of the league, to include possibly canceling the season. If we have to change the league format, or cancel the season, all of those who registered will be offered a refund for the program. At this time we are delaying our traditional start time for practices until after the school's Christmas break. Thank you for your patience as we all adjust to the changes that have come with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please call us with any questions at (804)520-9390.

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Ages: Boys 4-18 (as of 4/30/21)
Girls 4-15 (as of 7/31/21)

Registration for 2021 youth baseball and softball leagues will begin on January 4, 2021. The deadline to register is March 5, 2021. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Practices begin late-March. Practice times will vary depending on the amount of teams in each league.

Fee: \$20 until March 6; \$30 after March 6, children registered after deadline may be placed on a waiting list.

Coed:

Rookie League (Instructional)	ages 4-5
Coach Pitch (Instructional)	ages 6-8

Boys:

AAA League	ages 9-10
Major League	ages 11-12
National League	ages 13-15
Big League	ages 16-18

Girls:

Angels	ages 9-10
Ponytails	ages 11-12
Belles	ages 13-15
Debs	ages 16-18



CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

OKINAWAN KARATE

Ages 5+

The focus of this class is on respecting others, self-control, self-discipline and avoiding confrontation. The emphasis is on the basics such as, falling, balance, flexibility, agility and basic karate techniques.

Mo & Th	1/4-1/28	6:00pm-7:00pm
Mo & Th	2/1-2/25	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$40	Community Center	

BELLY DANCING

Ages 13+

This class is designed to teach the traditional Cabaret Style belly dancing while providing an excellent cardio workout that strengthen your core and your abdominal and lower body muscles. All shapes, sizes, and fitness levels are welcome.

Th	12/3-12/17	6:00pm-7:00pm
Th	1/7-1/28	6:00pm-7:00pm
Th	2/4-2/25	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$30	Community Center	

TEEN BINGO NIGHT

Ages 13-17

Calling all teenagers! The Colonial Heights Recreation Department would like to invite you to come out and play some bingo with your friends! Bingo winners will receive prizes!

Fr	2/5	5:30pm-6:30pm
\$10	Community Center	

PRESCHOOL JAMBOREE

Ages 3-5

Preschoolers 3-5 come out to play! We will do some movement activities, dance, play, and have fun! Parents must stay with their children.

Mo	1/4-1/25	11:00am-12:00pm
\$20	Community Center	

A LETTER TO SANTA!

The Colonial Heights Recreation Department has made arrangements with Santa Claus to accept mail to be delivered to the North Pole. Children of Colonial Heights are encouraged to write Santa a letter including name (first and last name) and age.

All letters need to be received by Monday, December 7th with the return address clearly marked. All letters should be addressed to:

North Pole
P.O. Box 3401
Colonial Heights, VA 23834



THERAPEUTIC

Therapeutic Recreation (TR) uses recreational activities (such as art, games or dance) to help people with disabilities to improve their physical, cognitive and social skills. For example, doing a craft activity might help a child to build fine motor skills, while also giving them an opportunity to think creatively and have fun with peers.

Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks offers a series of new programs for those with special needs ranging but not limited to intellectual, physical, emotional or developmental disabilities.

These activities will be offered to help enhance their recreation interests and participation. Each activity is held on Wednesday from 5:30-7pm; prior to the activity the participant must register and complete a participant profile. The participant profile can be found online on our website or can be emailed per request. *Activity schedules are subject to change*



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you are someone that is interested in working with and learning about those with special needs then we would love to have you as a Therapeutic Recreation volunteer. Our TR volunteers are needed in our Wednesday night activity sessions listed below. Prior to the start of class we have an informational meeting to discuss class goals, diagnosis of potential participants and we also engage in team building activities with other staff members. If you are interested in volunteering please email Shamiya Taylor-Bland at blands@colonialheightsva.gov for more information.

WINTER CLASSES (ALL AGES) - COMMUNITY CENTER

We	12/2	Bingo	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	12/9	Christmas Crafts	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	12/16	Christmas Party	\$5	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	12/23	NO CLASS		
We	12/30	Group Games	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	1/6	Sculpting Time	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	1/13	Music Therapy	\$10	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	1/20	Open Mic	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	1/27	Wood Crafts	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	2/3	Music Therapy	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	2/10	Valentine's Day Party	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	2/17	Color Therapy	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	2/24	Bingo	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm



SENIOR CENTER

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The Senior Citizen Center is adjacent to the Community Building at 157 Roanoke Avenue. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Center is open to adults 50 years of age and older who are City Residents. All Senior Citizen programs are FREE unless noted.

Visit the Senior Center's website at www.colonialheightsva.gov/261/Senior-Center for a full listing of programs and activities. The website is updated each month with a full monthly calendar listing of programs, trips and special activities. You may also call the Center at (804)520-9220 for information on upcoming activities.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Hours of Operation are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (With services being provided from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (With services being provided from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

Service is available only to Colonial Heights residents who are at least 60 years of age, and adult special needs or handicapped Colonial Heights residents. Transportation will be available to and from any Colonial Heights destination. Also, for medical appointments only, to and from Petersburg, Hopewell and the Puddledock Road area of Prince George County. Registration for services is required and is available by calling Senior Transportation at (804)520-9219. Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance. There are no fees for transportation services, but donations are accepted.

MONTHLY CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday

8:30am	Tai Chi
9:30am	Bowling (<i>off-site</i>)
9:30am	Total Body Strength
10:00am	Strength & Stretch
11:00am	Pickle Ball (<i>Swift Creek Baptist</i>)
11:00am	Line Dancing
1:00pm	Diamond Art & Adult Coloring
1:00pm	Pinochle
4:00pm	Beginners Sewing (<i>sign-up \$12</i>)

Tuesday

8:30am	Yoga
9:30am	Tap Dancin' Grannies
10:00am	Sit & Fit
11:00am	Meditation
1:00pm	Bingo
3-6pm	Quilts for Vets (<i>Last Tue</i>)
3:00pm	Open Sew (<i>1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues</i>)

Wednesday

8:30am	Crochet & Knitting
8:30am	Muscles in Motion
9:30am	Total Body Strength
10:00am	Strength & Stretch
11:00am	Pickle Ball (<i>Swift Creek Baptist</i>)
11:00am	Line Dancing
12:30pm	Bridge

Thursday

8:30am	Morning Crunch
9:00am	Yoga
10:00am	Sit & Fit
1:15pm	Senior Citizens Club Mtg.
2:00pm	Watercolor

Friday

8:30am	Muscles in Motion
9:30am	Balance Basics
10:30am	Line Dancing
11:00am	Pickle Ball (<i>Swift Creek Baptist</i>)
12:00pm	Open Paint
1:00pm	Scrabble
1:00pm	Computer Class (<i>sign up</i>)

**BE Fit.
BE Happy.
BE Social.**



Colonial Heights Senior Center
The Place to BE for Seniors 55+

157 Roanoke Avenue | Colonial Heights
Senior Center: 804.520.9220
Monday - Friday: 8:00AM - 4:30PM



VIOLET BANK MUSEUM

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

OPEN HOUSE

Make plans to come by during the Violet Bank Candlelight Christmas Open House and enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season. The lovely Federal-style house will be aglow in soft candlelight and beautifully decorated by the wonderfully talented members of the Violet Bank Garden Club. Santa will be on hand each evening for a little touch of Christmas spirit.

Fr	12/4-12/11	6:00pm-8:00pm
Sa	12/5-12/12	6:00pm-8:00pm
Su	12/6-12/13	6:00pm-8:00pm

Admission to the Open House is free and open to the public. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted to benefit the Colonial Heights Food Pantry. If you are able to, please be generous to help out those going without during the holiday season. Please note that no tours can be given during the Open House and you are encouraged to come back during normal operating hours to take a full tour. You must have a face covering on to enter the building and practice social distancing. You may experience a delay in entering the building until others have exited in order to maintain capacity requirements.

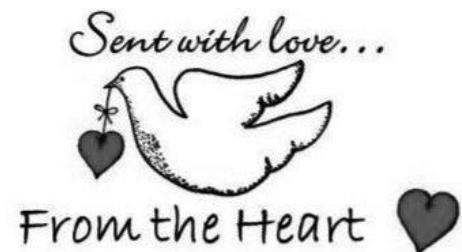
The staff at Violet Bank would like to say "Thank You!" to all the awesome volunteers who so freely give of their time and talents to make this event possible.



STITCHERS FROM THE HEART

Looking for something to do to chase away the winter blues? Stop by and join the Violet Bank Stitchers From The Heart on Tuesday from 10:00 am to noon as these volunteers gather to make items for those in need. There are knitters and crocheters from novice to expert and a variety of items needed for any skill level or interest. It's a fun and creative way to spend a couple of hours doing something to benefit yourself and others. If you would like to learn more about the Stitchers From The Heart organization please visit: <http://www.fromtheheartstitchers.org>.

The Violet Bank Stitchers From The Heart also will gratefully accept yarn donations of any type, in any amount. Please don't trash that yarn stash, drop it by Violet Bank Museum at 303 Virginia Avenue Colonial Heights, Virginia during operating hours and the Stitchers From The Heart will use it to continue their work in benefiting those in need.



YOUTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The Office on Youth and Human Services offers programs for youth and families who reside in Colonial Heights. Contact the Office on Youth & Human Services for more information about any of the below programs. Please follow us on Facebook or view our information at <https://www.colonialheightsva.gov/267/Youth-Human-Services>.

ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS

This program covers methods of effective discipline, skills to improve communication, and prevention/intervention strategies for addressing teenage behaviors. It encourages parents to strengthen and develop skills and strategies to effectively address problematic behavior in teens. Program format is 4-6 in-person class instruction or virtual option.



SAFE DATES:

AN ADOLESCENT DATING ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The leading evidenced-based program proven to reduce incidents of teen dating violence. This engaging interactive curriculum uses stories and role plays that reflect current topics and has shown a 56%-92% decrease in physical and sexual dating violence. This six session program raises student awareness of what constitutes healthy and abusive dating relationships. It equips students with the skills and resources to help themselves or friends in abusive relationships. Teaches skills to develop healthy dating relationships, including positive communication, anger management, and conflict resolution.



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders.

On October 17, 2020, the Youth Advisory Council participated in the "Building Change" community project. This is a Do-It-Yourself project sponsored by the Richmond Community ToolBank that engages community members to come together, do something "hands on," and create items that will enhance and promote the use of outdoor spaces. The Youth Advisory Council built four picnic tables and four benches and they were donated to community spaces identified by the Youth Advisory Council and the Recreation and Parks Department

WORKPLACE READINESS SKILLS

This program covers several important aspects of work readiness: including self-assessment, exploring careers, interview techniques, how to interact with co-workers and taking initiative. Six sessions focus on positive identity with activities to reinforce both social-emotional and employability skills to support personal and professional achievement for young people. Excellent information for teens ready to enter the workforce.



APPOMATTOX RIVER TRAIL PHASE IV NOW OPEN

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the completion of Phase IV of the Appomattox River Greenway Trail in Colonial Heights was held on Friday, October 9th. Visit the city website to view the ceremony and hear more details about the past and future of this wonderful addition to our City!

STRUGGLING TO COPE WITH COVID?

VIRGINIA C.O.P.E.S. WARMLINE

877-349-MHAV (6428)

OPEN TO ALL VIRGINIANS | YOU ARE NOT ALONE



APPLICATIONS FOR CDBG HOME REPAIR DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2020



Building Better Neighborhoods

The application period for Program Year 2020 of the City's CDBG Home Repair Program will open again on Tuesday, December 1st 2020 and close Thursday, December 31st, 2020. Applications will be available during the application period at the Planning Department located on the 1st floor of City Hall, 201 James Avenue.

In order to qualify, total household income must be below the HUD Income Limits. Applicants are ranked based on a number of factors including disability status, elderly status, children present in home, and location within a prioritized neighborhood. On average, the City is able to serve 5 to 7 households a year. Previous qualified applicants who were not served are encouraged to re-apply.

Eligible activities include but are not limited to addressing leaking roofs, leaking plumbing, unsafe electrical, lack of heating, and accessibility needs.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Planning Office at (804) 520-9297. Please share this information with anyone who may be eligible and resides within the City.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE WINTER 2020/2021 IMPORTANT DATES

January 31 is the deadline to let this office know about any vehicles, motorcycles, boats, trailers, etc., that were purchased in 2020 and owned on January 1, 2020.

January 31 is the deadline to file for possible high mileage auto tax relief

March 1 is the deadline to renew Business Licenses

March 31 is the deadline to file for Elderly or Disabled Real Estate Tax Relief

Things to remember:

1. Return the blue tangible personal property form with any and all changes
2. Let us know about any vehicle, motorcycle, boat, trailer, motor home that you have sold in 2020.
3. Let us know about any new or additional vehicles, motorcycles, boats, trailers or motor home you have purchased in 2020. DMV and Car Dealers do not do it for you.
4. Make necessary changes to your address at DMV and this office within 30 days of moving in or out of Colonial Heights.

Colonial Heights does not pro-rate personal property tax. If you owned the vehicle or other property on January 1, 2021, you will pay taxes for the entire year regardless of when sold.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Wipes & Personal Hygiene Products Clog Sewer Lines!

What We All Can Do To Help...

The following items should **NEVER** be flushed into the sewer system:

Disinfecting/surface wipes	Mop or "Swiffer" type refills
Baby wipes	Paper towels
Jewelry wipes	Pet care wipes
Cosmetic wipes	First Aid wipes
Disposable diapers or diaper liners	Bio-pads (nursing home, home health care, etc.)
Cotton swabs	Feminine hygiene products
Toilet cleaning pads	ANY Moist type towelettes
+ANY CONSUMER ITEM THAT IS NOT TOILET PAPER!	

Every home and business has a sewer connection to the public sewer system. This connection runs from the home or business to the sewer main where it is connected to the public sewer system. This on-site sewer line is the responsibility of the home or business owner to keep clear so there are no back-ups of wastewater into the home or business. Save yourself and the City from costly repairs and/or replacement bills. **Do not flush the listed items: place them in the trash, not the toilet.**

ONLINE SHOPPING SAFETY

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, many people are beginning to shop for gifts for friends and loved ones. Whether online shopping appeals to you for health reasons, or for convenience in these difficult times; choosing to shop from the safety of your home may sound like a wonderful idea. Unfortunately, with the increased reliance on online commerce comes additional threats that could put a damper on your holiday cheer. The Colonial Heights Police Department would like to share some helpful tips in order to make your online shopping experience as safe as possible:

- Beware of deals that appear too good to be true. While many online retailers may offer deeply discounted prices this holiday season, if the price listed on one website is drastically lower than all comparable sites, caution is advised.
- Keep track of charges to bank and credit card statements while shopping online. During periods of increased online spending a small fraudulent charge may go unnoticed, and cyber thieves may attempt to charge small amounts to test whether an account is vulnerable. Keep detailed records of purchases and consider maintaining a copy of all receipts in case a fraudulent charge occurs.
- Consider using alternate payment options. Using a credit card is preferable to a debit card as there are more consumer protections in the event of a fraudulent charge. There are other payment services such as PayPal, Apple Pay or Google Pay which allows the buyer to complete the purchase without sharing the credit card information directly with the retailer.
- Think twice before clicking on a link in a promotional email. Criminals have the ability to establish fake e-commerce sites and send emails, which can contain viruses and ultimately lead to identity theft and fraudulent charges. Instead, go directly to the company's website in order to begin the purchase.
- Don't save your credit card information on online accounts. While saving this information on a retailer's website may increase the speed of the transaction, it can also leave your personal details and payment data vulnerable in the event of a data breach.
- Consider where and when packages ordered online will be delivered. Packages left on porches are vulnerable to theft. Many online retailers have the option of shipping the packages to a local store or business. Amazon offers the option of having all packages delivered on the same day, which would avoid packages arriving on days when nobody is home to collect them.
- If you utilize second-hand seller sites such as Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist, consider completing the transaction at a safe location such as the designated safe exchange parking spaces located at the Police Department or the City court house.

The infographic is titled "Online Shopping Safety" in a large, stylized font. Below the title, a photograph shows a laptop, a smartphone, and a tablet displaying various online shopping websites. A pink banner across the middle contains the text "Helpful Tips" and "Shopping from Home". Below this banner are six square boxes, each containing a tip and an icon. The tips are: 1. "Beware of deals that seem to good to be true" (icon: a tag labeled "AWESOME DEAL" on a wooden surface). 2. "Keep track of charges and bank accounts" (icon: a hand holding a smartphone next to a keyboard and a credit card). 3. "Think twice about clicking on promotion links" (icon: a hand pointing at a screen with a red handprint and the words "virus alert!"). 4. "Consider using other payment services" (icon: a blue gear with a computer monitor inside). 5. "Track delivery schedules" (icon: a stack of packages on a porch). 6. "Use safe exchange zones" (icon: a yellow diamond-shaped sign that says "SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE").

The men and women of the Colonial Heights Police Department wish you a happy and safe holiday season!

TRI-CITY CHILI PEPPERS

2021 INAUGURAL SEASON HOME SCHEDULE

The hottest team in the Coastal Plain League!

SATURDAY	5/29	vs	WILSON TOBS	7:00 PM
TUESDAY	6/1	vs	MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	6/4	vs	MARTINSVILLE MUSTANGS	7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	6/9	vs	WILSON TOBS	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	6/10	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	7:00 PM
SUNDAY	6/13	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	5:45 PM
THURSDAY	6/17	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	7:00 PM
SATURDAY	6/19	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	7:00 PM
TUESDAY	6/22	vs	WILSON TOBS	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	6/24	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	7:00 PM
SUNDAY	6/27	vs	HOLLY SPRINGS SALAMANDERS	5:45 PM
THURSDAY	7/1	vs	HOLLY SPRINGS SALAMANDERS	7:00 PM
SATURDAY	7/3	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	7:00 PM
TUESDAY	7/6	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	7/8	vs	MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS	7:00 PM
SUNDAY	7/11	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	5:45 PM
WEDNESDAY	7/14	vs	WILSON TOBS	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	7/16	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	7:00 PM
SATURDAY	7/17	vs	WILSON TOBS	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	7/22	vs	MARTINSVILLE MUSTANGS	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	7/23	vs	PENINSULA PILOTS	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	7/30	vs	MARTINSVILLE MUSTANGS	7:00 PM

2021 COASTAL PLAIN LEAGUE HOME OPPONENTS



PENINSULA
PILOTS



MARTINSVILLE
MUSTANGS



WILSON
TOBS



HOLLY SPRINGS
SALAMANDERS



MOREHEAD CITY
MARLINS



Be a part of the **EXCITEMENT**
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UPDATES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

City of Colonial Heights City offices and buildings are now OPEN to the public during regular office hours. We want to encourage our residents and the community to continue practicing social distancing and to please wear a mask when entering our facilities for your safety and the safety of others.



Colonial Heights Courthouse: For more information on court operations please visit the following website:

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/main.htm>

For assistance with City Services, please call City offices as listed on the City phone list (page 12), or call the City's Citizens Assistance Line at (804) 520-9266 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

As your City Government, we are all working hard to maintain communication and full transparency with each Colonial Heights resident during COVID-19. Our information and updates are distributed through our Website (www.ColonialHeightsVA.gov) along with our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/colonialheightsva>) and Instagram (CityofColonialHeights).

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 INFORMATION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) have many resources available for citizens to learn more about the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. Please visit these main sites for the most up-to-date information:

- CDC Main COVID-19 Site (www.cdc.gov)
- VDH Main COVID-19 Site & VDH Current Presumptive Positive Case Status in Virginia (www.vdh.virginia.gov)
- **Public Library Curbside Service** - While the Library is open to the public, Residents can still utilize the curbside service to request books, audiobooks and movies for all ages by visiting <http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/FormCenter/Library-6-6/Book-Request-Form-71-71> and completing the request form or by calling the library at (804)520-9384. Patrons will be notified when the requested items are ready for pickup.
- **Online bill pay:** Go online to www.colonialheightsva.gov and go to I Want To....> Pay Online. Convenience fees are waived at this time.

JUDGING DECEMBER 9-12 6-8PM

WINNERS ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 14TH

Lights in the Heights
House Decorating Contest

**Entry is FREE
Must Register online or by phone by December 7**

**BE CREATIVE
BE FESTIVE
HAVE SOME FUN!**

RECREATION & PARKS

WINNERS ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 14TH

For complete contest details and judging categories visit colonialheightsva.gov or call us at (804)520-9390

**Colonial Heights
Beautification Committee**

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NOTICE

Curbside Bulk Item/Trash Collection Service



Contact
CVWMA Customer Service
(804)425-0500

Visit: www.colonialheightsva.gov/321/Trash-Collection
for more details or to complete an online Bulk Pickup Request



For the Regular
Trash & Recycling
Services
[Holiday Schedule](#)
and
[Collection Notifications](#)

Visit: <https://cvwma.com/programs/2020-holiday-collection-calendar/>



Leaf Removal Program

Please visit:

<http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/935/Neighborhood-Leaf-Removal-Service>
to view the Fall/Winter 2020-21 Schedule for pickup
in your area.

Important City of Colonial Heights Phone Numbers

Police/Fire Emergency	Dial 911
Police/Fire Non-Emergency	(804)520-9300
Recreation & Parks	(804)520-9390
Office on Youth & Human Services	(804)520-9286
Colonial Heights Health Department	(804)520-9380
Utilities Billing	(804)520-9288
Billing & Collections	(804)520-9320
Commissioner of Revenue	(804)520-9280
Treasurer	(804)520-9321
Planning & Community Development	(804)520-9297
Registrar/Director of Elections	(804)520-9277
Curbside Trash Collection	(804)425-0500
Curbside Recycling Collection	(804)340-0900
Circuit Court	(804)520-9364
General District Court	(804)520-9346
Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court	(804)451-0213
CH Recycling Center	(804)479-7056
<i>(Household Hazardous Waste & Other Materials)</i>	

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