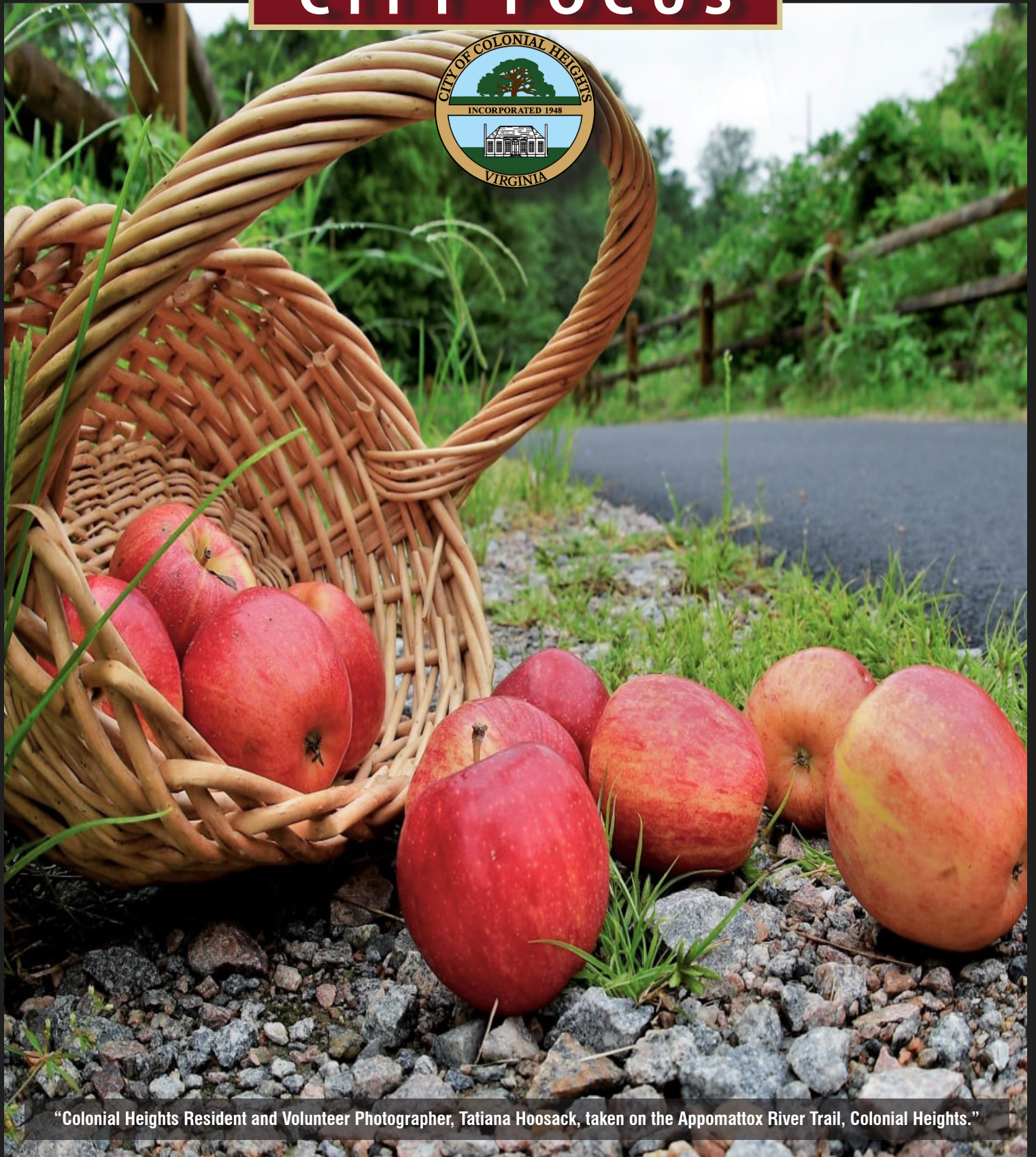


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COLONIAL HEIGHTS

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"Colonial Heights Resident and Volunteer Photographer, Tatiana Hoosack, taken on the Appomattox River Trail, Colonial Heights."



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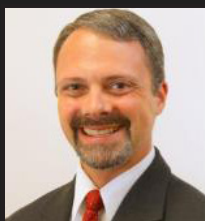
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COUNCIL COLUMN

T. Gregory Kochuba Mayor

Dear Colonial Heights residents and community members.

I cannot believe that we are already heading into the Fall season of 2022! Soon the leaves will be changing and the weather will begin to get cooler. Our summer here in the City has been busy and we have seen our fair share of changes.

We continue to transition to a new trash service with Waste Management through our contract with Central Virginia Waste Management (CVWMA). We know that this has been a tedious process for our entire community, and we appreciate your patience as they worked out routes and other community needs. We will continue to monitor the service agreement to ensure compliance and customer service is being met. Please remember that you can process a request for an additional cart and bulk waste collection directly through the CVWMA website by visiting the Colonial Heights page at <https://cvwma.com/cvwma-locations/colonial-heights/>.

City Council was aware of the increasing used car values on personal property tax bills, resulting in higher personal property tax amounts. To help offset the increase, City Council approved a decrease in the personal property tax rate from \$3.50 per \$100 of assessed value to \$3.10 for calendar year 2022.

At the request of City Council, the Public Works and Engineering Department have been extremely busy working on street maintenance projects, in the southern end of the city. A majority of the streets paved and resurfaced were around the Flora Hill Park area as well as Westover Avenue and surrounding streets.

One thing that hasn't changed this year is our City's ability to sustain excellent financial reviews and audits. The City received its 42nd consecutive Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting.

To help protect our community, our Colonial Heights Public Library continues to offer free COVID-19 test kits to anyone in need. Please continue to monitor your symptoms and maintain CDC guidelines to help protect you, your family, and our community.

Moving forward into this new season, I want to personally invite you all to come out and enjoy our fun-filled family weekend of events at the Annual Fort Clifton Festival which is now being held on Saturday, Sep. 24 and Sunday, Sep. 25th. I hope to see you there!

Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

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SEPTEMBER

Sep 5th – City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)

Sep 6th – Planning Commission 7:00pm

– Council Chambers

Sep 13th - City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

– Council Chambers

Sep 20th- City Council Special Meeting 6:00 pm

– Council Chambers

OCTOBER

Oct 4th – Planning Commission 7:00pm

– Council Chambers (Tentative)

Oct 10th – City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)

Oct 12th- City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

– Council Chambers

Oct 19th- City Council Special Meeting 6:00 pm

– Council Chambers

NOVEMBER

Nov 1st – Planning Commission 7:00pm

– Council Chambers (Tentative)

Nov 8 – General and Special Elections

Nov 10th - City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

– Council Chambers

Nov 11th – City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)

Nov 15th- City Council Special Meeting 6:00 pm

– Council Chambers

Nov 24th & 25th – City Holiday

(Government Offices Closed)

Important Colonial Heights Phone Numbers

POLICE/FIRE EMERGENCYDIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE NON-EMERGENCY (804)520-9300

RECREATION & PARKS (804)520-9390

OFFICE ON YOUTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (804)520-9286

LIBRARY (804)520-9384

COLONIAL HEIGHTS HEALTH DEPARTMENT. (804)520-9380

UTILITIES BILLING (804)520-9288

BILLING & COLLECTION (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

STREET MAINTENANCE (804)520-9372

CURBSIDE TRASH/RECYCLING SERVICES: (804)340-0900

CIRCUIT COURT (804)520-9364

GENERAL DISTRICT COURT (804)520-9346

JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT (804)451-0213

SHERIFF..... (804)520-9352

CH RECYCLING CENTER (804)479-7056

(Household Hazardous Waste & Other Materials)

WELCOME NEW STAFF



Chief of Police William H. Anspach, III

The City of Colonial Heights is excited to announce the hiring of William H. Anspach, III as our new Chief of Police. Chief Anspach was sworn in as the City's new Police Chief on Monday, July 11, 2022. Prior to his retirement in 2021, Chief Anspach served with the Colonial Heights Police Department for over 23 years including working his way up through the department, starting as a Patrol Officer and eventually serving as Captain and then Deputy Chief for the Department. He has a Bachelor's degree in Community and Public Affairs from VCU, and is a graduate of the Criminal Justice Command College and the FBI National Academy.

Director of Finance Malysa A. Rhodes

The City of Colonial Heights is excited to announce the hiring of Malysa A. Rhodes as our new Director of Finance. Malysa Rhodes started with the City on June 15, 2022. She is coming to the City having served with Spotsylvania County Public Schools for almost 11 years, including most recently serving as their Director of Finance. She also has over 13 years of prior banking experience. Finance Director Rhodes has a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Strayer University, and she brings experience with the Tyler Munis financial system which the City is currently implementing.



Director of Planning & Community Development Joseph Carter



The City of Colonial Heights is excited to announce the hiring of Joseph Carter as our new Director of Planning & Community Development. Joseph is coming to the City from Loudon County where he has served for the past 9 years including serving as their Prof-fer Administration Program Manager. Some of Joseph's previous experience includes working for the City of Chesapeake, the City of Poquoson, the Town of Smithfield, and the City of Newport News. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Christopher Newport University, a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a Local Government Management Certificate from Virginia Tech. Joseph has achieved American Institute of Certified Planners and Certified Zoning Administrator certifications.

BE PREPARED AND STAY SAFE



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING YOUR HURRICANE SUPPLIES



1 Food/Water - Get supplies well in advance, enough for each person for at least one week.

2 Medicine/First-aid - Have 30 days worth of medicines and medical supplies. Fill prescriptions before the storm.

3 Communications - Have extra batteries or portable chargers for your cell phones and batteries for your radios.

4 Gas - Fill up your car or a gas can beforehand. If the power goes out, you will be unable to pump gas.

5 Money - Have cash on hand. With no electricity, ATMs and credit cards will not work.

For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit weather.gov/hurricanesafety

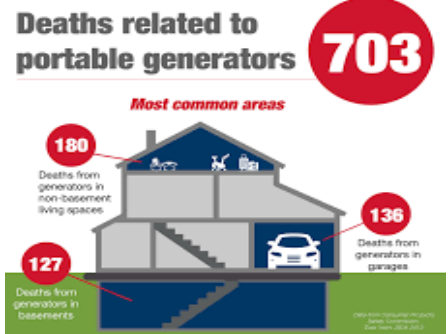
Hurricane Season in Virginia is June 1-November 30

Forecasters at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts above-normal 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season. 'For the 2022 hurricane season, NOAA is forecasting a likely range of 14 to 21 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence.' (<https://www.noaa.gov>)

Gov. Glenn Youngkin is telling Virginians across the commonwealth to start preparing for extreme weather now.

The Colonial Heights Emergency Operations Center urges our residents and our businesses to take the necessary steps to be prepared and to know what to do during emergency weather situations. Review the Hurricane Supplies list, the Hurricane Hazard Risks, and Generator Safety Information.

We urge members of our community to stay connected by signing up for weather alerts and emergency notifications by visiting <https://www.colonialheightsva.gov/list.aspx>. During inclement weather the City sends notices through email, text, phone calls to inform you of the latest updates and information, such as closures, storm debris services, and other important city services to help keep you and your families safe.



CVWMA Launches Self-Service Online Options

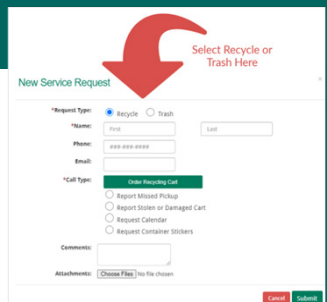
Need to order a recycling cart? Need to schedule bulky waste pickup? Colonial Heights residents can now complete these requests — and more — at their convenience with a new online self-service system.



Visit: <https://curbside.cvwma.com/?action=customer:main>

- Select "Colonial Heights" from the drop-down menu and enter your address.
- Once your address profile is on screen, you'll see options to the right.
- Select "New Service Request" to schedule bulky waste pickup, report a missed collection and more.
- Be sure to select either "Recycle" or "Trash" at the top of the next screen to view the corresponding options.

You can also order additional recycling or trash carts and pay securely with a credit or debit card.



Out with the OLD...

- Place any **OLD RED CARTS** at the curb
- Request bulky waste collection online (<https://cvwma.com/cvwma-locations/colonial-heights/>) OR
- You may also call 804-340-0900 Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

****The Red Carts will no longer receive collection services and must be removed****

In with the NEW....

- NEW Carts have been distributed! If you DO NOT have a cart, please contact us.
- To order an ADDITIONAL CART visit the link above to place an order or call 804-340-0900. (Additional Carts may be purchased for a one time fee of \$75)



Many of the self-service options are available only to Colonial Heights customers at this time. Requests can be completed on a smartphone, table or computer. No user-name or password is required. For information about waste and recycling programs, visit the Colonial Heights page on CVWMA's website www.cvwma.com or call (804) 340-0900.

RETIREE SPOTLIGHT GAYLE BRASWELL

Gayle started her career in Colonial Heights as a volunteer and charter member for the Colonial Heights Fire/EMS Department on March 1, 1987. She quickly became a full-time employee and has served as a Emergency Communications Officer, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue Supervisor, Emergency Communications Officer, and finally as the Deputy Treasurer. Thank you Gayle for your 35 years of dedicated and honorable service to the City of Colonial Heights.



GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

On the Ballot for City of Colonial Heights:
Member, House of Representatives 4th District
A. Donald McEachin – D
Leon Benjamin Sr. – R

Member, City Council
Vote for not more than three

John E. Piotrowski
Betsy Gentry Luck
John T. Wood

Member, City Council - Special
For unexpired term to end December 31, 2024. Vote for only one.

Tricia L. Palmer
Kenneth B. Frenier
Len F. Hall Jr.

Member, School Board
Vote for not more than three

Steven R. Neece
Lisa Hales Kochuba
Debbie Mayes Walwer
Bland Derby Campbell



WRITE-INS ARE PERMISSIBLE FOR ALL OFFICES.

Last day to register to vote or to update existing registration is October 17, 2022.

In-person early voting at the City Hall Registrar's office begins September 23, 2022 and will be available through Saturday, November 5, 2022. To receive an absentee ballot by mail, an application must be submitted by October 28, 2022.

Election Day polls open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

To register to vote, check your registration status, or apply to vote by mail, go to www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal or call the Registrar's office at 804-520-9277. Please see the City's website www.colonialheightsva.gov, under Registrar/Director of Elections, for voting information.



TUESDAY, OCT 4TH, 2022

5:30PM - 8:00PM

****Rain Date: Thursday, October 6th, 2022****

Celebrate Safe Communities is an exciting opportunity that brings together law enforcement, local government, community leaders, faith-based organizations, civic groups, neighborhoods and citizens like YOU!

The purpose of bringing these community partners together is to talk about concerns in your neighborhood in a fun and friendly way.

During our Celebrate Safe Communities event, there will be cook-outs and block parties held at different locations all over the city!

Citizens will get to talk, reconnect and discuss not only important neighborhood and community issues, but also, have an opportunity to open lines of communication with our Police Department Staff and Offices as well as City Staff as they visit with our hosting locations throughout the evening!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOST?

Contact Career Officer Scott Whirley at (804) 520-9318, or by email at whirleys@colonialheightsva.gov. You can also visit www.colonialheightsva.gov for an up-to-date list of event locations as well as information.

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

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.**

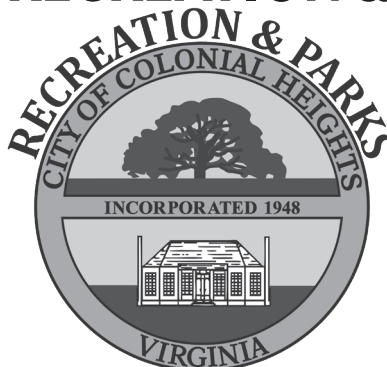
PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

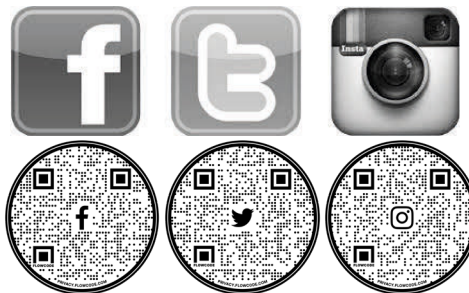
Please make checks payable to:

"City of Colonial Heights"

\$50 fee may apply for returned checks



CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA...



Sports and Athletics

Fall 2022 Soccer Registration

CHSA offers 3 levels of play. We have Travel Soccer, Cross-Association Recreational, and our in-house Recreational program. Travel Soccer is offered for the players that have been selected via the tryout process for our teams. Tryouts are conducted in the Spring for the Fall season. Cross-Association is a recreational program offered on a wider scale. Our teams will compete against teams from surrounding areas, meaning approximately half of our games will not be played at our Colonial Heights location. Registration is offered online through August 31st. Games will begin in mid-September.

Pickleball 101 Registration

Beginner Classes

Ages 12+

Join us for Pickleball Beginner classes! If you've never played Pickleball before, this is designed especially for you! This instructed course will cover the basics of Pickleball rules, terminology, primary skills, coordination, beginner court time, and more. You must register for this course. Class meets every Monday as a one night class...you may sign up for multiple sessions.

Mo 9/14-10-26

5:30pm-7:30pm

FREE Middle School Courts

Youth Basketball Registration

Ages: 5-15 (as of 1/1/2023)

Registration for 2022 youth basketball leagues is underway. The deadline to register is October 28, 2022. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Practices begin will begin in November. Fee: \$20 until October 28; \$30 after October 28 and as space permits, children registered after October 28 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

JOIN OUR ESPORTS LEAGUE

Registration ends September 28th, 2022

Leagues start week of October 3rd, 2022

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

MADDEN MONDAYS PS5 & XBOX Series X/S	MARIOKART DELUXE MONDAYS Nintendo Switch	FORTNITE TUESDAYS (Solos) FRIDAYS (Duos)	ROCKET LEAGUE WEDNESDAYS (1v1 & 3v3)	SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE THURSDAYS Nintendo Switch
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Visit our E-Sports registration page at <https://app.ggleagues.com/clubs/colonial-heights-recreation>

Classes and Activities

Violet Bank

September:

"The Battle of Fort Clifton" Presentation

Saturday, September 10, 2022 1pm-2pm

Join Violet Bank's very own Mike Poarch as he gives an in-depth view of the Battle of Fort Clifton in the historic Lee Parlor of the museum.

Free presentation, donations appreciated. Suitable for all ages.

October:

"The Promise of Freedom" An Old-Fashioned

Tent Revival. Saturday, October 1, 2022 11am-2pm

by the Cucumber Tree. Enjoy an Anti-bellum (pre-Civil War) service with a timely message, hymns as played by Harken Back String Band and more as costumed interpreters bring the tent revival experience to life. Free event, donations welcome. Suitable for all ages.

November:

Make-N-Take Craft; "Wood Slice Snowman"

Saturday, November 26, 2022 10am-Noon

We will be making an adorable stacked wood slice snowman. All materials will be provided to complete this craft. This activity involves glue, acrylic paint and glitter.

\$5.00 craft fee Limit: 10 participants so please pre-register Best suited for children 6 and up

Make-N-Take Craft; "Christmas House"

Saturday, November 26, 2022 1pm-3pm

Cute, pre-cut house to assemble, paint, decorate and personalize by your child. All materials provided to complete this craft. This activity involves glue, acrylic paint and glitter.

\$5.00 craft fee Limit: 10 participants so please pre-register Best suited for children 6 and up

Soul Line Dancing with Rhonda

Intro to Soul Line Dancing Ages 13-adult

Rhonda is a nationally-recognized soul line dance instructor. Come learn basic terminology, counts, footwork, and learn dances with easy to follow steps. Dances vary in tempo (slow - very fast). As your skills develop expect to see slightly more challenging dances. Classes are held every Tuesday.

Cost \$5 per class

Colonial Heights Community Center

Tues. 8/2-8/30 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Tues 9/6-9/27 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Tues 10/4-10/25 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Tues 11/1-11/29 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Belly Dancing

Ages 13+

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

Thurs 8/4-8/25 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thurs 9/1-9/29 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thurs 10/6-10/27 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thurs 11/3-11/17 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Fitness Warriors

We have partnered with Sportsbackers to provide this FREE and fun fitness class on Monday evenings. Marica will be providing Cardio-Flex classes to the community. All levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mon 9/5-9/26 6:00pm

Mon 10/3-10/24 6:00pm

Mon 11/7-11/28 6:00pm

FREE Community Center

VIOLET BANK MUSEUM

The Violet Bank Garden Club works with the staff of Violet Bank Museum to keep the gardens and grounds looking beautiful by planting, mulching, weeding and watering. VBGC also helps with special events going on at the museum as well as maintaining some flower beds around the city and providing park benches to the Recreation Department to place where they are needed. The next meeting of the group will be held at Saint Michael's Episcopal Church on Monday, September 19, 2022, beginning with lunch at noon. The topic for the meeting will be "Designing Flower Arrangements".

On Wednesday, November 9, 2022, VBGC will hold a flower design show at the Petersburg Country Club. For tickets, please call the number listed below. The proceeds from the show will be used for projects at Violet Bank Museum. If you would like to know more about the club and what the club does to help showcase Violet Bank Museum and the city of Colonial Heights, please come to the meeting on the 19th or contact Jan Pingel at 804-731-3599.

The Violet Bank Stitchers From The Heart would like to send out a big "Thank You" for all the recent yarn donations. These donations make it possible for their work to continue and are greatly appreciated. Donations of yarn of any amount are always accepted. The group meets every Tuesday from 10am-Noon at the Violet Bank Museum.

During the summer quarter, the group donated a dozen woven cat mats, seven knitted or crocheted cat mats and eight crocheted cat toys to Smitty's Cat Rescue in Chester. This wonderful non-profit, no-kill shelter is always in need of donations to help take care of the kitties. The website is: smittyscatrescue.org,

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

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. These activities will be offered to help enhance their recreation interests and participation. Prior to the activity the participant must register and complete a participant profile. Activity schedules are subject to change.

Here's the schedule for the Fall Therapeutic Classes

8/17Open mic night \$3

8/24No TR

8/30 End of Summer Party\$5

9/7Game Night\$3

9/14Bingo\$3

9/21Open Mic Night\$3

9/28NO TR

10/5Paint & Sip\$3

10/12.....Bingo\$3

10/19Music Activities\$3

10/26Halloween Party\$5

11/2Thanksgiving Crafts\$3

11/9Bingo\$3

11/16.....Thanksgiving Party\$5

11/23.....NO TR

11/30Open Mic Night\$3

Violet Bank Garden Club

Hosts

"Tis the Season"

Design Show and Luncheon

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

at the Country Club of Petersburg

1250 Flank Road, Petersburg, VA

Doors open at 9:30 am

Floral Design Show at 10:30 am

Luncheon at Noon

Ticket donation: \$40.00

Available from Gay Whitaker

804-586-1281

**All proceeds donated to
Violet Bank Museum**

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center is located at 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. The Senior Center monthly calendar lists daily and monthly activities and is available for pick-up at the Senior Center or call (804)520-9220.

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 to Colonial Heights residents who are at least 60 years of age, and adult special needs or handicapped. Transportation will be available to and from any Colonial Heights destination and to a few out of City medical offices. 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.

Monday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
9:30am Tai Chi (Library)
9:30am Bowling (League Fee)
10:00am Strength & Stretch
11:00am Pickle Ball
(Swift Creek Baptist Church)
11:00am Line Dancing
12:30pm Intro to Pinochle
1p Pinochle
1:30pm Senior Singers
4pm Scrapbooking
4:00pm Beginners Sewing
(sign up \$12)

Tuesday

8:30am Total Body Strength
8:30am Tap Dancin' Grannies
9:30am Yoga Core
10:30am Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:20am Meditation
11:30am Water Aerobics (VSU)
1:00pm Bingo
2:30pm Open Sew
(1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues)

Wednesday

8:30am Crochet & Knitting
8:30am Muscles in Motion
10:00am Balance
11:00am Line Dancing
11:00am Pickle Ball
(Swift Creek Baptist Church)
12pm Lunch & Learn
(1st & 3rd – must register)
12pm Tech Heads (4th)
12:30pm Party Bridge
1:00pm Dominoes
2:00pm Worthy Wednesdays
(3rd Wed)

Thursday

8:30am Total Body Strength
9:30am Yoga Warrior
9:30am Beginner's Line Dancing
(Library)
10:30am Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:20am World Religion/Meditation
12:15pm Game Day
1:15pm Senior Citizens Club Mtg.
(4th Thursday at Golden Corral - 11:30am)

Friday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
(see calendar)
9am Walk this Weigh
(see calendar)
10:00am Strength & Stretch/Stretch it Out
(see calendar)
11:00am Line Dancing
11:00am Pickle Ball
(Swift Creek Baptist Church)
1pm Mahjong
(1st & 3rd)
1pm Intro to Mahjong
(2nd)
1:30pm Movie Day
(4th)



Are you looking to make new friendships and know that when you walk through the doors you are always greeted with a warm welcome and smile? If you've answered yes then the Colonial Heights Senior Club may be for you. They meet weekly at the Colonial Heights Senior Center on Thursdays at 1:15pm. You'll enjoy gathering with friends, listening and watching entertainment, bingo games, fellowship around a table, and a monthly meal at Golden Corral. If you are 60 years and older and a resident of the city you are welcome to join in the fun. Please contact the Senior Center at 804.520.9220 for more information.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Colonial Heights Public Library staff has launched Magzter e-magazine collection. Magzter provides residents with online access to over a thousand magazines ranging from business, home and travel to sports, free of charge with your library card. Magzter is the magazine collection companion to the library's e-book collection, Hoopla, and both can be found on the library's home page. If you have questions, please call the library staff at (804) 520-9384.

The Library has a growing collection of jigsaw puzzles for adults and children. The puzzles come from a wide variety of the best jigsaw puzzle makers, and range in size from 50 - 500 pieces. The library staff also readily accepts resident requests for favorite brand names.

Thinking of buying a new or used vehicle? The Colonial Heights Public Library has current performance ratings on the best new and used cars, SUVs, and trucks, which can be checked out for a week.



OFFICE ON YOUTH

Youth Advisory Council

Here in the community of Colonial Heights, the Office on Youth offers leadership programs such as the Youth Advisory Council also known as YAC. YAC is offered to students between the grades of 6-12th. YAC is extremely involved in the community and has participated in programs such as providing lunch for the Tri-Cities Work Camp program, participating in Colonial Heights High School Volunteer-a-thon and working with the community during back to school events, street and city clean ups and providing take home kits from the library. YAC currently accepts applications on a rolling basis and will meet the last Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at 6:30pm.

CADRE

CADRE is a volunteer civic organization that is dedicated to the prevention of substances abuse among the youth. CADRE addressed underage drinking, smoking and the illegal use of drugs. CADRE serves both the youth and adults of Colonial Heights. CADRE participates in community activities such as Project Sticker Shock and Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP).

Project Sticker Shock is a prevention program that involves the youth placing sticker warnings that address the penalties of furnishing alcohol to minors. The youth have been participating in the program since 2011. We collaborate with retailers and law enforcement officers with the hope to educate and raise awareness to furnishers and retailers.

YADAPP is a peer-led program for high school students to address the risk of underage substance use. YADAPP participants attend a week long summer kick-off conference that will assist with the developing of strategic prevention plans that will address underage drug and alcohol use in the schools and communities. Participants will meet and interact with their like-minded peers during classroom and breakout sessions, and will learn from motivational speakers. After the conferences YADAPP participants will plan to utilize their leadership and acquired knowledge to educate and prevent substance abuse.

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City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade

The 69th Annual Christmas Parade – a longtime Colonial Heights tradition - will occur on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 7:00pm on the Boulevard, starting at Temple Ave and concluding at the Colonial Heights Courthouse. Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade. Please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (804) 520-9390 or apply online at www.colonialheightsva.gov/christmas-parade. The following entry fees will be required with application:

- Non-Profit (Church, Civic Group, etc.) - \$25.00
- For Profit (Business, Corporate, etc.) - \$50.00
- School Marching Bands - NO CHARGE

The deadline to submit an application for the Christmas Parade is Friday, November 4, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (804) 520-9390.

We are also accepting sponsorships for the 2022 Christmas Parade. Visit the Christmas Parade page on our website at www.colonialheightsva.gov/christmasparade for information on becoming a sponsor for this year's City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade or call us at (804)520-9390.

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Thank you to our citizens and businesses that were patient and understanding as we processed our first round of Personal Property bills (2021) utilizing our new financial software. Many of you know that our second billing (2022) has taken place and a new series of issues has arisen with our assessment software. Thank you again to the many citizens and businesses who were patient while we worked through those issues with your bills, again. Please be confident that we are doing everything in our power to make sure future assessments and billings go smoothly.

We continue to rely on you telling us all year long when you do buy and sell or otherwise dispose of vehicles or other personal property. We are unsure at this time, if we will be able to send out that "Blue" form in the future, however, we know it did not happen this year. So, to save us all a lot of time and apprehension, I continue to ask you to let us know about any changes to your address or what you own as soon after they occur as possible. It remains our goal to get it right every time and we need your help in doing so. 100% disabled Veterans, one passenger vehicle that you own or co-own is exempt from personal property tax. Please keep us updated on which vehicle you would like exempt if you own more than one. You will still be billed for the License Fee. Active Duty military with an out of state HOR, you must provide us with a current LES to be exempt from personal property taxes and license fees. As always, remember, there is nothing that we cannot fix or make correct, so please be patient as we navigate these new waters. It will get smoother, I promise. As I noted in the Spring Edition, the continued short supply of new and used automobiles has resulted in record breaking INCREASES in the values of used automobiles. Experts say an average INCREASE of 37%, so please do not be taken by surprise. This is not the normal pattern and it is projected by used car valuation experts, that the trend will continue well into 2023.

As an effort to ease the tax burden from rising vehicle values, Council reduced the personal property tax from \$3.50 to \$3.10. In addition, they extended the first installment due date, to July 29th.

Some helpful tips and reminders pertaining to personal property taxes and business licenses.

Personal Property:

- *You must notify the Commissioner of Revenue's office when purchasing and selling personal property. This is essential to ensure your annual personal property bills are accurate. Neither DMV (Department Motor Vehicles) or a car dealer can update our business system.*
- *You must keep your name and address updated at DMV. All changes must be completed within 30 days in accordance to Virginia State Law. You do have the option of making those changes online at DMVNow.com website.*
- *Colonial Heights does not pro-rate personal property tax. If you owned the vehicle or other Personal property on January 1, 2021, you will pay taxes for the entire year regardless of when you moved or sold the property.*

Business Licenses:

- *New business owners are required to get a Business License prior to opening.*
- *Renewal of existing Business Licenses is required by March 1st.*

Any questions can be directed to your commissioner, Bill Feasenmyer at feasenmyerw@colonialheightsva.gov or 804 520-9281.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEAF REMOVAL

FALL 2022/WINTER 2023

Convenient Service During Fall Season

The City of Colonial Heights Department of Public Works is pleased to announce that convenient leaf removal services will be provided in city neighborhoods again this year. Each fall, residents collect and stockpile loose leaves along city streets, which city crews remove and make available to local recycling businesses. During the 2021/22 season, city crews collected approximately 2,500 cubic yards of leaves.



Bagged Leaves (Require Bulk Waste Service Request)

Bagged leaves that are not placed inside trash carts are considered "bulk waste".

- A bulk waste service request must be completed by 2:00pm on the Tuesday before collection.
- Call **CVWMA at (804)340-0900** or submit a bulk waste request online at <https://cvwma.com/cvwma-locations/colonial-heights/>
- Bagged leaves may be collected year round and may be placed at the curbside with regular trash cart on regular trash collection days if a bulk waste service request is submitted on-time.

Neighborhood Service Areas

Leaf removal operations will occur in three main service areas, each consisting of three to four neighborhoods. (See page 11 for service areas and schedules)

- Signs will be installed on adjacent thoroughfares to let residents know in advance when service is scheduled in their area.
- Service timeframes in each area are subject to change depending on inclement weather conditions and other events beyond the City's control.

Fall Curbside (Loose-Leaf) Collection Service Hours

Leaves will be collected and removed from 7:30 AM through 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning November 14, 2022 and ending February 13, 2023 except on holidays (weather delays may affect this collection schedule).

Preparing Leaves for City Collection

- Residents are asked to **place leaf piles behind the curb or the edge of pavement along the street** one week before service is scheduled to begin in their neighborhood, as **only one (1) pass** will be made on each street during the scheduled collection service for the area.
- Leaves that are not placed out before regularly scheduled removal times will be removed during the next regularly scheduled service in the area.
- City crews cannot remove leaves from private property, so leaf piles must be placed behind the curb or the edge of pavement along the street which is the city right-of-way.
- Leaf piles need to be free of tree branches, lumber, steel, rock, concrete or other debris. (Hard objects mixed with leaves are hazardous and may damage leaf vacuum equipment causing unnecessary time and expense to repair or replace.

Neighborhood Parking During Leaf Removal Service

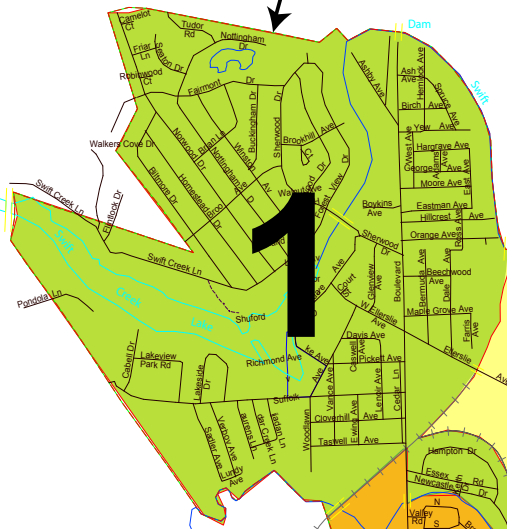
Residents can assist city leaf removal operations by keeping parked vehicles clear of leaf piles. The use of off-street parking is encouraged wherever available. "No Parking" signs may be used to restrict parking on neighborhood streets while city crews remove leaf piles. To avoid damaging personal property, city crews will not rake leaf piles out from under or between parked cars.

Residents may contact the Public Works Department at (804)520-9372 for more information about this convenient neighborhood service.

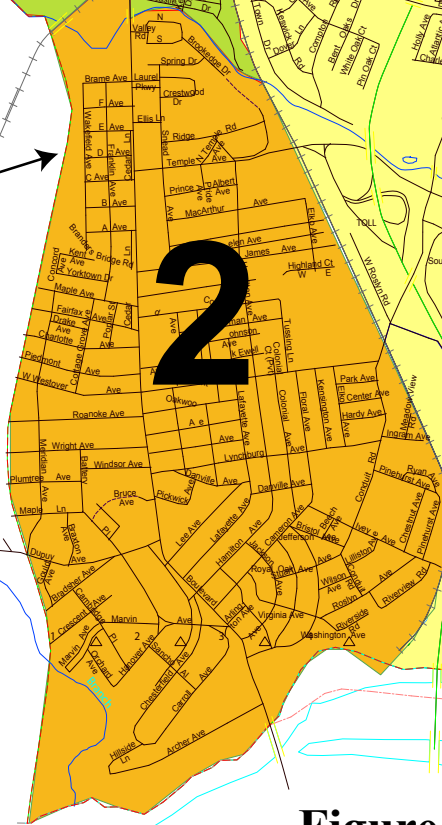


Neighborhood Leaf Removal Schedule Fall 2022/Winter 2023

AREA#1
Sherwood Hills, Lakeview & Toll House
Scheduled Pickup Dates
11/14/22 - 11/29/22
12/30/22 - 01/13/23
No Pickup on City Holidays
11/24, 11/25/22 & 01/02/23



AREA #2
**Oak Hill, Shepherd Stadium,
Violet Bank-Flora Hill &
Westover-Snead**
Scheduled Pickup Dates
11/30/22 - 12/13/22
01/17/23 - 01/30/23
No Pickup on City Holiday
01/16/23



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AREA#3
**Ellerslie, Fort Clifton &
Mount Pleasant-Southpark**
Scheduled Pickup Dates
12/14/22 - 12/29/22
01/31/23 - 02/13/23
No Pickup on City Holidays
12/23 & 12/26/22

Figure 1

2022 Fort Clifton Arts & Crafts Festival

Saturday, September 24th and
Sunday, September 25th

10:30 am until 5:00 pm

Free Admission and Parking

Free Shuttle from White Bank Park



Over 100 Exhibitors • Concessions • Children's Amusements

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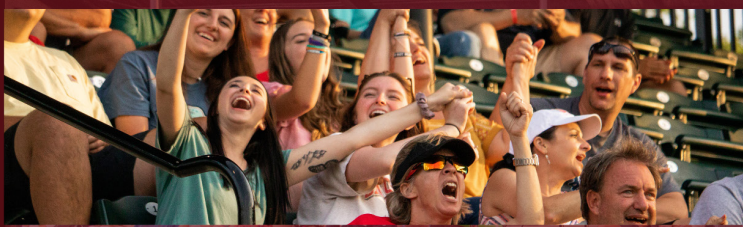
HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

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