

CITY FOCUS



Summer 2023

# COLONIAL HEIGHTS VIRGINIA



*Three teams from the Colonial Heights Senior Center participated in the 2nd Annual Chair Volleyball Tournament at Stonebridge Recreation Center. Congratulations to the Yellow Team for taking home the Gold!*





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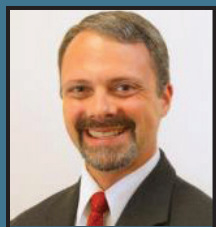
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## COUNCIL COLUMN

**T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor**

Let me take this opportunity to provide you with a city update covering our financials, latest economic development, current capital improvement projects and upcoming events...

### Financial:

• The city just received a "Clean Audit Opinion" from our Certified Public Accounting firm (Brown & Edwards). A clean audit opinion is great news for the city, it means that our financial statements are fairly and accurately presented!

### Economic Development:

• **Holiday Inn** – Holiday Inn will become a Delta Hotels by Marriott, fully renovated and converted to a full-service brand, scheduled for 2023.

• **Towneplace Suites** – Under construction near Chick-fil-A. Tentative opening date of June 2023.

• **Panera w/drive thru** – Final site plan has been approved. This will be located behind the Longhorn Steakhouse off of Southpark Blvd.

• **Rio Carwash** – Final site plan has been approved. Location on the Boulevard adjacent to KFC.

• **Popeyes** – Parcel subdivision has been completed. To be located on the ring road at Southpark Mall.

• **Milk 'n Honey** – New Orleans inspired cooking. Located in Southgate Square, across from Conn's. Largest minority-owned hospitality company in the country.

• **Self-Storage Facility** – This will be a fully enclosed four-story climate controlled self-storage mini-warehouse facility of 121,372 square feet. To be located off of Temple Avenue behind the Hardees fast-food restaurant and Circle-K gas station.

### Capital Projects:

• **Appomattox River Greenway Trail, Phase V:** The City, in partnership with VDOT and a local contractor, will construct an 1,800-foot-long 10'-wide shared-use path along the Appomattox River from Jennick Drive to Roslyn Landing Park.

• **Lakeview Avenue Modernization Phase 1:** The City and VDOT are working on a federal-aid project on Lakeview Avenue from the Boulevard to Brijidan Avenue. The project will provide a completely new center turn lane, paved shoulders/bike lanes, sidewalks, street lighting and landscaping. In addition, the project will upgrade all sewer and water utilities. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the Fall 2023.

• **Lakeview Tennis Courts:** Will be converted into 8 pickle ball courts with state-of-the-art lighting. The project will also include restrooms. Completion date is scheduled for September 2023.

### Events:

• **Memorial Day Ceremony:** The annual Memorial Day service is scheduled for May 29th, 10:00am, at the Veterans Memorial located on the Boulevard across from the Courthouse.

• **The Tri-Cities Chili Peppers Baseball League:** The 2023 season home-game schedule is now available (Opening weekend is May 25-27th). For more information visit the Tri City Chili Peppers web site at <https://chilipeppersbaseball.com/>

• **4th of July Fireworks:** Our annual firework display will be on the 4th of July, at 9:15, in the South Park Mall area.

So as you can see, there are a lot of exciting and positive things taking place throughout our City. My hope is that you, your families and your friends can take some time to get out and experience our wonderful city and all it has to offer this summer!

Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

## JUNE

June 13th	City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 pm
June 19th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
June 20th	City Council Work Session Council Chambers	6:00 pm

## JULY

July 4th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
July 5th	Planning Commission Council Chambers (Tentative)*	6:00pm
July 11th	City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 pm
July 18th	City Council Work Session Council Chambers	6:00 pm

## AUGUST

August 1st	Planning Commission Council Chambers (Tentative)	6:00pm
August 8th	City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 pm
August 15th	City Council Work Session Council Chambers (Tentative)	6:00 pm

## SEPTEMBER

September 4th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
September 6th	Planning Commission Council Chambers (Tentative)*	6:00pm
September 12th	City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 pm
September 19th	City Council Work Session Council Chambers	6:00 pm

\*Note: Meeting moved due to another City Event/Holiday

### IMPORTANT COLONIAL HEIGHTS PHONE NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE EMERGENCY .....	DIAL 911
POLICE/FIRE NON-EMERGENCY .....	(804)520-9300
BILLING & COLLECTION .....	(804)520-9320
CIRCUIT COURT .....	(804)520-9364
CITIZENS ASSISTANCE HOTLINE .....	(804) 520-9266
COLONIAL HEIGHTS HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	(804)520-9380
CH RECYCLING CENTER .....	(804)479-7056
(Household Hazardous Waste & Other Materials)	
COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE .....	(804)520-9280
CURBSIDE TRASH/RECYCLING SERVICES .....	(804)340-0900
DMV SELECT .....	(804)497-7100
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT .....	(804)520-9346
JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT .....	(804)451-0213
LIBRARY .....	(804)520-9384
OFFICE ON YOUTH & HUMAN SERVICES .....	(804)520-9286
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT .....	(804)520-9297
RECREATION & PARKS .....	(804)520-9390
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## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE EXTENDED TO TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

At the May 23, 2023 Special Meeting, City Council approved Resolution No. 23-17 to extend the due date for personal property taxes.

**THE FIRST BILLING DUE DATE FOR 2023 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM JUNE 5, 2023 TO JUNE 20, 2023.**

## Culture Works "Art on the ART" (Appomattox River Trail)



Sturgeon Sculpture ('Augusta') by Keith Ramsey

The Art on the ART (Appomattox River Trail) project was first conceived by CultureWorks Tri-Cities Program Manager, Daniel Jones, as part of CultureWorks Tri-Cities Action Plan to create a public art installation to enhance community pride. Working with local artists, the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR), the Hopewell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce, and Hopewell, Petersburg, and Colonial Heights Parks & Recreation departments, CultureWorks created a plan to install three life-size sturgeon sculptures made from scrap metal at highly-trafficked access points along the Appomattox River Trail.

- The first sculpture, created by Hopewell native and artist, Kirk Thore, was installed at City Park in Hopewell on May 6th.
- A second sculpture, created by Richmond artist, Keith Ramsey (pictured above), was unveiled at Roslyn Landing in Colonial Heights on Wednesday, May 17th at 4PM.
- The third and final sculpture, created by Petersburg artist, Nancy Saunderson, will be installed in late May or early June at the University Boulevard trailhead in Petersburg. Interpretive signage designed by Terry Ammons will also accompany each artwork explaining the project with bios of the artists.

In Colonial Heights, Phase V of the Appomattox River Greenway Trail system is upcoming soon! The City, in partnership with VDOT and a local contractor, will construct a 1,800 foot long 10'-wide shared-use path along the Appomattox River from Jennick Drive to Roslyn Landing Park. Once construction has begun, the project is expected to be completed in six months. Currently the City's section of trail is approximately 2.3 miles stretching along the river from Appamatuck Park to Roslyn Landing Park.

For more information about the Art on the ART project, visit the following site: <https://folar-va.org/sturgeon-art-on-the-art-to-debut-in-september-along-the-appomattox-river/>

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION IN COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

**In-person early voting** for Colonial Heights voters will be available at the following location for the June 20, 2023 Republican Party Primary Election:

- General Registrar's office, City Hall First Floor, 201 James Ave.

Voting will begin May 5 and will continue, Monday through Friday, until Friday, June 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office will also be open Saturday, June 10, and Saturday, June 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.


**The office will be closed Memorial Day, May 29.**

**Ballot drop box** will be available the same dates, times, and location listed above for in-person early voting. In addition, drop box will be available on Monday, June 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Election Day, drop boxes will also be available at each precinct polling place, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

- Register to Vote, Check your Registration Status, Update your Voter Record, and Apply to Vote Absentee by Mail at [www.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInfo](http://www.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInfo)

JENNIFER L. WELLS  
General Registrar / Director of Elections  
Posted: April 21, 2023  
Va. Code §§ 24.2-701.2(E), -707.1(C)



### CHESTERFIELD COUNTY/COLONIAL HEIGHTS CRIME SOLVERS

*A Valuable Tool to Assist Law Enforcement to Solve Crimes*





## Mission Statement

Crime Solvers serves Chesterfield County and the city of Colonial Heights with a program for people to anonymously assist law enforcement in solving crime.

**All tipsters are guaranteed to remain anonymous. If your tip leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$5,000.00.**

**There are three ways to submit an anonymous tip:**

- Tip Line - (804)748-0660 (answered through a call center located in another state.)
- Through our website - [Crimesolvers.net](http://Crimesolvers.net) or
- Through our P3 Tips App.

## VEHICLE BREAK INS-THEFT



Dear Citizens,

Recently my office, the Commonwealth's Attorney Office, has seen an increase in cases where items have been stolen out of a vehicle and people have asked how they can prevent this from happening. The vast majority of the thefts from auto (also known as TFA) were crimes of opportunity because the vehicle was left unlocked and valuables in plain sight.

### 1 LOCK YOUR DOORS

Many people have told me that they shouldn't need to lock their car doors. Colonial Heights is a friendly and low crime area where people respect each other's property.

While that has been historically true, the city has many visitors and tik-tok has shown people, especially the youth, that stealing from unlocked cars is easy and profitable. You might not be surprised to know that over 80 percent of crime here in the City is committed by a non-resident.

When a thief finds that a vehicle is locked, they are much more likely to move on.

### 2 DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES INSIDE YOUR CAR

\*Purses, laptops, phones, cameras, and firearms should never be left in a car. These prime items thieves want to steal. Thieves will look into a car to see what they can steal and if there is nothing in view, they might move on to the next car.

If you have to leave valuables in the car, place them out of sight or in your trunk. Get in the habit of putting shopping bags directly in the trunk when you return to your vehicle, rather than after you park at the next destination.

### 3 PARK IN A WELL-LIT AREA OR INSTALL A LIGHT NEAR YOUR DRIVEWAY

Usually, thefts from auto occur at night, when the thief thinks no one can see him. Parking your car under a light helps the police and neighbors to see who is around your car. If you have the ability to purchase a light for your driveway, it will also help deter the theft from your car and home.

Some people also have their ring cameras pointing at their vehicles or have installed "game" cameras to help keep an eye on their vehicle.

### 4 IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS CALL THE POLICE AND NOTATE IT.

Almost everyone has a cell phone, so you can easily take a quick picture of the person and call 911. The police cannot be everywhere at once so alerting them to suspicious activity helps them. Also, helping your neighbor look after their car is what community is all about.

With your help, WE CAN reduce this crime and keep safe the valuables that you work hard to earn. It is also a great time to get involved with your Neighborhood Watch association--or better yet, start one. If you are interested in how to locate your watch group or would like some information on creating a Neighborhood Watch, contact our Crime Prevention Officer, Career Officer Scott Whirley, at (804) 520-9318, or by email at [whirleys@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:whirleys@colonialheightsva.gov).



# Planning and Code Enforcement Updates

## Summer Grass Cutting!

Please ensure any grass, weeds, or other foreign growth is maintained below 12 inches in height.

**\$100**  
+  
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+  
**\$100**

**Penalties for enforcement of tall grass violations:**

**\$100** Administrative Charge **plus the cost to cut your grass plus \$100** Civil penalty for 2<sup>nd</sup> violation & any following violations during growing season



Upon notice, you have **7 days** to cut the grass to avoid enforcement action (Notice is required to be provided once per growing season)



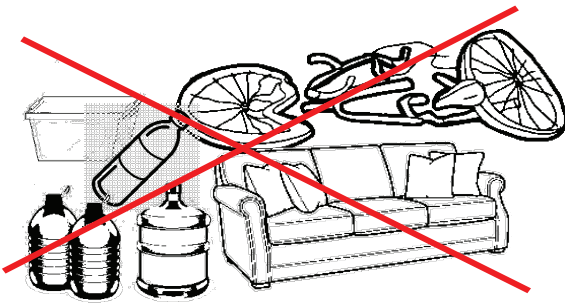
## Prohibition of Clutter

On April 11, 2023 City Council adopted amendments to Chapter 244 of the City Code that prohibits “clutter”, defined as:

*Mechanical equipment, household furniture, containers, and similar items that may be detrimental to the community’s well-being when they are left in public view for 30 days or more or are allowed to accumulate. Clutter includes, but is not limited to, those not designed, built, or manufactured for outdoor use or storage.*

An accumulation of items on one’s property can lead to unsafe conditions and dangerous situations.

The purpose of the amendment is to protect and enhance the health, comfort and general welfare of City’s residents.



- If you receive a **notice of violation** for clutter, then removal of the clutter is necessary.
- **DO NOT** ignore the notice as violating this ordinance can result in fines, removal of the items from the property at your cost, or possibly criminal penalties.

For more information contact the Department of Planning & Community Development at (804) 520-9297.

## Applications for CDBG Home Repair

The application period for Program Year 2023 of the City’s CDBG Home Repair Program is now open. Applications are available online and 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 the home, and location within a prioritized neighborhood. On average, the City is able to serve 5 to 7 households a year. Previously 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 eligible and residing within the City.

# 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](http://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 8:30am-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](http://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.**

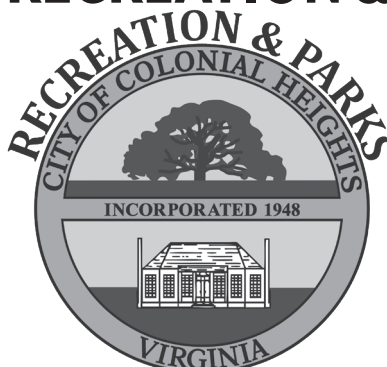
## PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

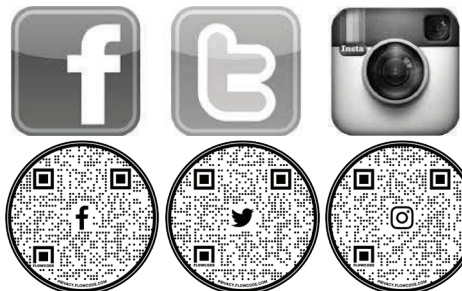
Please make checks payable to:

**"City of Colonial Heights"**

\$50 fee may apply for returned checks



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## Sports and Athletics

### Volleyball Camp

Ages 6-17

Camp will include the basics of volleyball: passing, setting, serving, hitting. Campers will work in small groups with current and former players from our program at Colonial Heights High School. Drill & Skill Work will be learned, as well as leveled mini-competitions and scrimmages.

Mon-Thu	7/24-7/27	6-8pm
\$25	CH High School	

### Boys Basketball Camp

Grades K-12

The Colonial Heights High School Basketball Program will be again Co-Sponsoring their Annual Boys Summer Youth Basketball Camp. The Camp will be under the direction of Colonial Heights High School Basketball Coach John Thomas.

Mo-Th	7/10-7/13
Grades K-5th	9:00am-11:30am
Grades 6th-12th	12:30pm-3:00pm
\$50	Colonial Heights High School

### Soccer Camp

Ages 5-13

The Colonial Heights High School Boys and Girls Soccer Coaching staffs would like to invite any girls or boys from age 5-13 to participate in this fun soccer learning experience. Kids will play games, learn techniques and have fun while participating in soccer activities. Shinguards are required, while cleats are preferred, sneakers are just fine. Target audience is for beginner to intermediate skilled players; however, everyone is welcome.

Mo-Wed	6/5-6/7	6:00pm-7:30pm
\$35	Soccer Complex	

### Cheerleading Camp

Ages 5-12

The Colonial Heights High School Cheerleaders will again be co-sponsoring a Youth Cheerleading Camp. The Camp will be under the Direction of Colonial Heights Varsity Cheer Coach Mary Vaughn, Colonial Heights Varsity Cheerleaders and Colonial Heights Recreation Cheer Staff. Participants will also be invit-

ed to cheer at the football game on elementary night during the Fall of 2023.

Mo-Thu	7/17-7/19	6:30pm-7:30pm
\$25	Football Stadium	

### Pickleball

Progressive Round Robin League

Join us for our popular Friday night Pickleball League. With enough room for 24 players per evening, scoring is cumulative, so consistent attendance is a positive! Play consists of two 45 minute sessions resulting in 1.5 hours of active playing time per night: Session 1 played 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm, Session 2 played 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm

Fridays	4/14-5/26	5:45pm-8:00pm
\$5	CHMS Courts	

### Chili Peppers Baseball Camp

Join the Tri-City Chili Peppers players and coaches for youth baseball camps this summer. Two days of skill building activities, the opportunity to "shag" balls during pre-game batting practice and two tickets (for the player and parent) for a game that night. Registration and more information, please visit; [chilipeppers-baseball.com](http://chilipeppers-baseball.com). Day 1 is 8am-12pm and Day 2 is 1pm-5:45pm for game day.

Ages 6-13

Camp 1	June 14-15
Camp 2	July 25-26
\$110/player	Shepherd Stadium

### Flag Football

Ages 5-12

Join us for a Summer session of Flag Football. USA Football's Non-Contact game category is part of USA Football's Football Development Model (FDM). This game category is designed to serve as athletes' introduction to their football journey. The Non-Contact game category allows leagues to provide a fun and progressive way to teach and learn the sport.

U6 Tue	6/19-7/23	6:00pm-7:30pm
U8 Tue	6/19-7/23	6:00pm-7:30pm
U10 Wed	6/20-7/24	6:00pm-7:30pm
U12 Th	6/20-7/24	6:00pm-7:30pm
\$20	Soccer Complex	



## Sports and Athletics

### Fall Boys Baseball

Ages 8-15

The Boys Fall baseball program will play in the Chesterfield Baseball Club's (CBC) League. Games will be played on Saturdays starting in September in Chesterfield and Colonial Heights. Practices will begin in August. Deadline to register is August 4.

Fee \$75

Divisions U10, U12 and U15

### Fall Girls Softball

Ages 8-15

The Girls fast pitch program will play in the Chesterfield Youth Sports Association (CYSA). Games will be played on Saturdays starting in September in Chesterfield and Colonial Heights. Practices will begin in August.

Fee \$75

Divisions U10, U12 and U15

### Fall Football & Cheerleading Registration

Ages: Boys & Girls 5-13 (as of 7/31/23)

Registration will be accepted Mon thru Fri, 8am-5pm, May 1 thru July 14 at the Recreation Department of office, by phone, or at any time online. Practices will begin in August. We are offering an in-house football development program this year utilizing different levels of play to include Flag, TackleBar, and Tackle with training and small-sided games. Football coaches will be USA Football trained and operate under the guidance of the high school football coaching staff. We will not be participating in any full-contact, full field tackle football program this year (i.e. CQL). Registered cheerleaders will cheer during games in our program as well as proposed CH Middle School or JV Games. For more information contact us at (804)520-9390.

Age Divisions:

USA Flag Football (Non-Contact) ages 5-7

TackleBar Football (Limited Contact) ages 8-10

Small-Sided Tackle Football ages 11-13

\$20.00 per child

The fee for anyone registering after July 14 is \$30 and

are also subject to being placed on a waiting list. Children MUST be Colonial Heights Residents and eligible for enrollment in the Colonial Heights school system

### Summer E-Sports League Registration

Registration is now open for our Summer Sports Leagues. We have partnered with GG Leagues to bring E-Sports to Colonial Heights. For a full listing of offered spring leagues and to register visit our GG Leagues homepage at <https://app.ggleagues.com/organization/colonial-heights-recreation>. This webpage also includes information about the leagues, information for parents, as well as the schedule and registration information. Deadline to register is June 26th.

Leagues launch: Week of Jul 10, 2023

Leagues end: Week of Aug 28, 2023

Season Pass Price \$40 per person\*

\*A player only needs to purchase 1 season pass which will unlock all the games offered in the Spring season. If the game is team based, all players will need to purchase a season pass.

## Classes and Activities

### Kid's in the Kitchen

Join us with your child for a night of cooking, eating, and fun! In this class your child will learn some basic cooking skills, easy meals to prepare, as well as some more difficult meals to cook. This class is designed for children ages 7-12. Preregistration Required.

Dad's and Donuts	Thur, Jun 8	6-7:30pm
Chicken Enchiladas	Thur, Jun 22	6-7:30pm
Shrimp Scampi	Thur, Jul 13	6-7:30pm
Breakfast for Dinner	Thurs, Jul 27	6-7:30pm
Sushi Night,	Thurs, Aug 17	6-7:30pm
Empanadas-	Thurs, Aug 31	6-7:30pm
Stir Fry	Thurs, Sept 14	6-7:30pm
CYO Bento Boxes	Thur, Sept 28	6-7:30pm
Community Center	\$10/class	

### What's Cooking

Join us with your child for a series of nights of cooking, eating, and fun! In this series, your child will learn proper kitchen safety and attempt a variety of different recipes. This class is designed for children ages 9-12. Preregistration Required.

July 4 - Jul 25	5-6:30pm
Aug 1 - Aug 29	5-6:30pm
Sept 5- Sept 26	5-6:30pm
Community Center	\$45/ 4 sessions

### Mindfulness Monday's

Join us in registering for Mindfulness Monday's at Violet Bank Museum. This 1-hour class is focuses on getting in tune with your mind and body to improve your emotion and physical health. This class is suited for ages 16 and up.

Mon, Jun 12	5-6pm
Mon, Jul 10	5-6pm
Mon, Aug 21	5-6pm
Mon, Sept 18	5-6pm
Violet Bank Museum	FREE EVENT

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### Science Mania

Join us with your child as we explore the world of science through experiments! Your child will have the opportunity to become a little scientist while participation in fun lab sessions. Preregistration required. Suitable for ages 5-7.

Egg Drop Experiment	Tue, Jun 20	5:30-7pm
Mighty Archaeologists	Mon, Jul 17	5:30-7pm
Gem Hunt	Mon, Aug 14	5:30-7pm
Soap Creations	Mon, Sept 25	5:30-7pm
Community Center	\$10/class	

### Parents Night Out

How would you like to go out without worrying who is going to watch the kids? Drop them off with us and enjoy your date night, movie night time to yourself while your kids also have a fun night! Suited for ages 6-12. Preregistration required

Fri, Jun 2	6:00-8:45pm
Fri, Aug 18	6:00-8:45pm
Community Center	\$15/class

### Tykes & Tunes

Come with your little one and enjoy a fun time making music and dancing! Suited for ages 1-3. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Jun 19	10:45am-11:45am
Jul 31	10:45am-11:45am
Aug 21	10:45am-11:45am
Colonial Heights Library	FREE EVENT

### Budding Artist

Come with your little one and enjoy a fun time making arts and crafts. Suited for ages 1-3. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will

be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Jun 5	10:45am-11:45am
Jul 3	10:45am-11:45am
Aug 7	10:45am-11:45am
Colonial Heights Library	\$5/Child

### Selfie's in the Park

Recommended for all ages. Join us in celebrating National Hop-A-Park Day and National Play Outside Day on July 1st by spending some time at our parks! We will have a hidden gnome at each of the parks listed below. If you find them, be sure to snap a picture together and tag us on Facebook! Let's get out and get active!

Ft. Clifton Park	
White Bank Park	
Flora Hill Park	
Roslyn Landing Park	
Lakeview Park	FREE EVENT

### Parents Day Out

Similar to our Parents Night Out program, this program allows parents with little ones the ability to run some errands or enjoy some time to yourself while knowing your child is having fun and is in good hands! Suited for ages 3-5. Ask about our potty-training requirements. Preregistration required.

Fri, Jun 2	10-12:45pm
Fri, Aug 18	10-12:45pm
Violet Bank Museum	\$15/class

### DIY Kid's: Jewelry Making

Come join us as we create our own jewelry set. You can create a set for yourself or someone else! All materials are provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Suited for ages 8-16. Preregistra-

## Classes and Activities

tion required.

Jul 21 5:30-6:30pm  
Community Center \$12/participant

### DIY Kid's: Bird Houses

Come join us as we create our own bird houses for your house! All materials are provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Suited for ages 6-12. Preregistration required.

Jul 6 5:30-6:30pm  
Violet Bank \$10/participant

### DIY Kid's: "I Spy" Bags

Come join us as we create our own "I Spy" bags! All materials are provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Suited for ages 8-12. Preregistration required.

Sept 15 5:30-6:30pm  
Violet Bank \$10/participant

### Critters & Crafts

Recommended for ages 5-7. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us as we learn about new critters through arts, crafts, activities, stories and more! These interactive sessions will give a glimpse at how animals live and what makes them unique. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Tue, Jun 6: Beautiful Butterflies. 5:30-6:30pm.  
Tue, Jul 18: Sea Critters. 5:30-6:30pm.  
Tue, Aug 22: Speedy Turtles. 5:30-6:30pm.  
Library. \$3/child.

### Imagination Thursday's

Recommended for ages 8-11. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us as we use creative thinking to complete STEM challenges. This interactive program will engage our brains and hands as we build, create and plan designs! All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. \*At the Community Center unless otherwise noted.\*

Thu, Jun 8: Sun and Stars Exploration. 5:30-6:30pm.  
Thu, Jul 20: Brick Building. 5:30-6:30pm.  
Thu, Aug 17: Stream Testing. 5:30-7pm.  
(\*Note this one will take place at Fort Clifton).  
Community Center. \$3/child.

### Tadpole Time

Recommended for ages 3-5. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us for some time learning about nature through books, crafts, games and other activities! Each time we will focus on different animals in Virginia. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. \*At the Library unless otherwise noted.\*

Mon, Jun 12 Incredible Insects: 11am-12pm.  
Mon, Jul 10: Fantastic Sharks. 11am-12pm.  
(\*Note this one will take place at Fort Clifton).  
Mon, Aug 28: Pollinator Pals. 11am-12pm.  
Library. \$3/child.

### Messy Monday's

Recommended for ages 5-7. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us as we make messy creations! We will incorporate arts and crafts, sensory and other fun activities into our masterpieces. All the mess your kids could want with none of it being at your house! All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Mon, Jun 12: Painting with Nature. 5:30-6:30pm.  
Mon, Jul 31: Aqua Art. 5:30-6:30pm.  
Mon, Aug 28: Puffy and Chalky Paints. 5:30-6:30pm.  
Senior Center. \$5/child.

### Rainforest Explorers

Recommended for ages 5-11. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us on World Rainforest Day to learn about ecosystems in other countries! Explore bizarre creatures and create your own world with crafts, games and other activities. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thur, Jun 22. 5:30-6:30pm.  
Community Center. \$3/child.

### Hikes:

#### Sensory Night Hike

Recommended for ages 5+. Get the family together and join us for a hike where we focus on each sense. You'll leave the program with a new appreciation of how your senses help you while also exploring nature in a new way. Parent participation required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Fri, Jun 30. 8:30-9:30pm.  
Fort Clifton. Free.

#### Full Moon Hike

Recommended for ages 5+. Did you know that July is called the Buck Moon? Gather the family for a hike under the full moon and learn why it is called a buck moon. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Fri Jul 28. 8:30pm-9:30pm.  
Fort Clifton. Free.

#### Fact or Fiction: Dino Edition

Recommended for ages 5+. We are welcoming of all abilities. Test out your dinosaur knowledge on this game style show. Sign up as a team and compete against one another to be named the Fact or Fiction Dinosaur Champion! Join us after for a tasty ice cream bar to celebrate all your hard work. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Each participant needs to sign up individually.

Fri, Jul 7. 6:30-8pm.  
Community Center. \$3/Person.

#### Busy Bees

Recommended for ages 3-5. We are welcoming of all abilities. Buzz on over to the library as we celebrate World Honeybee Day! Learn all about bees and what

makes them an important part of our ecosystem! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Fri, Aug 18. 11am-12pm.  
Library. Free.

### Bat Blitz

Recommended for ages 5-11. Join us in learning about the creatures that fly in the sky during the night. We will be celebrating International Bat Nights a few days early and will get to discover what makes bats unique and important to our ecosystems. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thu, Aug 24. 6pm-7pm.  
White Bank Park. \$3/child.

### Archery

For ages 10+. NASP certified instructors will teach the basics of target archery, including range safety and proper technique. Participants will learn to shoot recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows in a controlled environment. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thu, Aug 31. 5:30pm-7:30pm.  
Fort Clifton Park. \$20/Participant.

### Tri City Chili Peppers Game Night

Recommended for all ages and welcoming of all abilities. Join us for a fun night out at the ballfield while cheering on our very own Tri City Chili Peppers.

Fri, Jun 2, 6-9:30pm.  
Shepherd Stadium. \$5/person.

### TR Library Trips

Recommended for all ages and welcoming of all abilities. Join us for a monthly trip to the library to enjoy books, crafts, robots, virtual reality and more! Transportation services available for Colonial Heights residents. Please contact the office for more information.

Wed, Jun 28, 2-3:30pm.  
Wed, Jul 19, 2-3:30pm.  
Wed, Aug 30, 2-3:30pm.  
Library. Free.

### Drive in Movie Night

Recommended for all ages and welcoming of all abilities. Get together to enjoy some quality time together while munching on snacks and watching a movie!

Fri, Aug 25, 6-9pm.  
Colonial Heights Community Center. Free.

### Summer Camp

Recommended for grades K-5. Join us for six different weeks this summer where we explore, learn, play and have fun together. Each week we will take an offsite field trip and have a pool day. Attendees must be Colonial Heights Residents, and sign up for the whole week. Lunches are not provided, please send along a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration or heating up. Daily snacks will be provided.



### Summer Camp Continued

Drop-off: 8am-8:30am. Pick-Up: 5pm-5:30pm.

Week 1: June 26-June 30. Trip: Science Museum of Richmond.

Week 2: Jul 3-Jul 7. \*Please note there will be no camp Jul 4th\* Trip: Maymont Park.

Week 3: Jul 10-14. Trip: Swaders.

Week 4: Jul 17-21. Trip: Jumpology

Week 5: Jul 24-28. Trip: Richmond Squirrels Baseball Game

Week 6: Jul 31-Aug 4. Trip: End of Summer Camp Cookout \$65/Week. North Elementary School.

### Summer Camp Parent Orientation

Recommended for all of our parents with kids in our summer camp program. Join us for an evening where we talk about what to expect during our summer camp and answer any questions you have. Information will cover what a day in camp will look like, field trips, expectations, what to send to camp with your child and more. This informative session is beneficial for parents and staff as it allows us a time to have a conversation and answer any questions you may have.

Tue, Jun 20. 6pm-7pm.  
Library. Free.

### Belly Dance

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.

Thu 6/1-6/29 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thu 7/6-7/27 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thu 8/3-8/31 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

\$30 Community Center

### Fitness Warriors

Ages 13+

We have partnered with Sportsbackers to bring you this FREE and fun fitness class on Monday evenings. Overflow with Ebo - A beginner friendly fun mix of Cardio, Pilates and Yoga. We move to the beat all while improving muscle strength, balance and flexibility.

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

Mon 7/3-7/31 6:00pm

Mon 8/7-8/28 6:00pm

FREE Community Center

### Soul Line Dancing with Rhonda

Ages 13+

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.

Tue 6/6-6/27 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Tue 7/4-7/18 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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

\$5/class Community Center

## OFFICE ON YOUTH

### Summer Youth Leadership & Life Skills Program

The Office on Youth is hosting a FREE leadership camp for rising 6th graders. The Camp will run from Monday to Thursday June 26-July 7 from 9AM to 12PM; youth will meet at City Hall. Participants should bring lunches with them each day and water and a snack will be provided.

Youth will learn about leadership and be introduced to some of our departments here at City Hall, including a tour of the Fire Department and Police Department. The Leadership camp will cover topics such as what a Leader is, Setting Goals and Decision making, Problem Solving, and Managing Stress and Conflict. Please contact us at 804-524-8752 and ask for Christian Velez to Register.

## 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.



### TR Wednesday Classes

5:30-7pm. Colonial Heights Community Center.

June 7: ..... Luau Party .....FREE

June 14: ..... Bingo .....FREE

June 21: ..... Summer Crafts .....FREE

June 28: ..... Campout Night .....FREE

July 5: ..... Superhero Academy .....FREE

July 12: ..... Bingo .....FREE

July 19: ..... Construction Creations .....FREE

July 26: ..... Music Therapy .....FREE

Aug 2: ..... Bingo .....FREE

Aug 9: ..... NO TR DUE TO TR CAMP

Aug 16: ..... Open Mic Night .....FREE

Aug 23: ..... Sensory Exploration .....FREE

Aug 30: ..... End of Summer Party .....FREE

### TR Summer Camp

Recommended for ages 10+ and welcoming of all abilities. Join us for a week of new day trips every day. Choose to come for the full five-day week, or pick and choose what days and activities you want to attend! Lunch is only provided on Friday, August 11th and consists of 2 slices of pizza, a cookie and soft drink. Daily snacks will be provided. Please provide a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration or heating up.

Drop-off: 9-9:15am. Pick-up: 3:30-3:45pm.

Mon, Aug 7: Midlothian Putt-Putt

Tue, Aug 8: Children's Museum of Richmond

Wed, Aug 9: Hopewell Community Center Pool Day

Thu, Aug 10: Maymont Park and Nature Center

Fri, Aug 11: Uptown Alley Bowling & Pizza

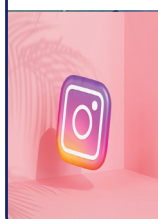
\$75/Week, \$25/Day.



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## 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 8:15a.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.

### 2023 Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings

- Monday, August 14th
- Monday, November 13th

4:00 p.m. at the Colonial Heights Senior Center.

#### 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 .....Pinochle  
 1:30pm .....Chair Volleyball

#### Tuesday

8:30am .....Beginning Cardio Drumming  
 8:30am .....Tap Dancin' Grannies  
 (American Legion Post 284)  
 9:30am .....Yoga Core  
 10:30am .....Sit & Let's Get Fit  
 11:00am .....Water Aerobics \$ (VSU)  
 11:20am .....World Religion  
 11:40am .....Meditation  
 12:00pm .....Lunch (\$-must register)  
 12:45pm .....Bingo  
 3:00pm .....Open Sew (1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues)  
 3:00pm .....Quilts for Vets (last)

#### Wednesday

8:30am .....Crochet & Knitting

8:30am .....Muscles in Motion  
 9:30am .....Cardio Drumming  
 10:05am .....Balance  
 11:00am .....Line Dancing  
 11:00am .....Pickle Ball  
 (Swift Creek Baptist Church)

12pm .....Lunch & Learn (must register)  
 12pm .....Tech Heads (4th-must register)  
 12:30pm .....Party Bridge  
 1:00pm .....Mexican Train Dominoes

#### Thursday

8:30am .....Cardio Drumming  
 9:30am .....Yoga Warrior  
 9:30am .....Beginner's Line Dancing (Library)  
 10:30am .....Sit & Let's Get Fit  
 11:15am .....Coffee Break  
 11:20am .....Neurological Stretching  
 11:40am .....Meditation  
 12:00pm .....Lunch (\$-must register)  
 1:15pm .....Senior Citizens Club Mtg.  
 (4th Thursday at Golden Corral - 11:30am)

#### Friday

8:30am .....Muscles in Motion  
 9:00am .....Walk this Weigh  
 10:00am .....Strength & Stretch/Stretch it Out  
 11:00am .....Line Dancing  
 11:00am .....Pickle Ball  
 (Swift Creek Baptist Church)  
 1pm .....Mahjong (2nd, 3rd & 5th)  
 1pm .....Intro to Mahjong (1st)  
 1:30pm .....Movie (4th)  
 4:00pm .....Senior Dance (2nd)- \$



## CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2022

The latest edition of the Department of Public Works' Consumer Confidence Report is now available online. This report summarizes important information regarding Colonial Heights' drinking water source, detected contaminants, educational information, and our efforts to ensure that we continually deliver the safest and highest quality drinking water to our customers. We encourage you to review the report on our web page:

<https://www.colonialheightsva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12332/2022-Water-Quality-Report>

If you wish to obtain your own copy of the Consumer Confidence Report, please contact us at (804) 520-9372. We will gladly mail it to you.

## YARD SALE INFORMATION

Colonial Heights City Ordinance 187-19 states that a license for yard or garage sales is required. The license is available at the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office, 201 James Avenue, City Hall during regular business hours (8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday). The cost for the license is \$5.00. Contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at (804) 520-9280 for more information.

No sales are allowed on Sunday. The Yard Sale license includes a Temporary sign permit. The list of licensed yard sales will be posted on the City website not later than Friday at 4:00 pm. In order to be included in the on-line list, the host must obtain a yard sale license no later than 3:00 pm on the Friday prior to the yard sale.



Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks Presents:

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POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**TUESDAY, AUG 1ST, 2023**

**5:30PM - 8:30PM**

**\*\*Rain Date: Thursday, August 3rd, 2023\*\***

National Night Out 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 National Night Out event, there will be cook-outs and block parties held at different locations all over the city!

At each location, members of the Colonial Heights Police Department will visit with the community. While we will be discussing issues that are important to you, this is also a great opportunity to meet the many new faces that we have in our agency. This is also an opportunity for those who have had an interest in a career in law enforcement to meet some of our newest officers and discuss their experience, from recruitment, to instruction, and finally to becoming an officer.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOST?



Contact Career Officer Scott Whirley at (804)  
520-9318, or by email at

[whirleys@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:whirleys@colonialheightsva.gov). You can also  
visit [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov) for an up-to-date  
list of event locations as well as information.

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The City of Colonial Heights Economic Development and Tourism has launched a new website:

[ChooseColonialHeights.com](http://ChooseColonialHeights.com)

The website hosts information that can be used by realtors, developers, and anyone looking for available space or property to locate a business.

There is also information regarding different resources that could be helpful for new or existing businesses.

Since the department also handles tourism, there is a section titled "Explore" that provides a list on the wonderful parks located in the city, as well as shopping and dining, and various attractions throughout the city.

For more information call:  
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# 4th OF JULY

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

## FIREWORKS SHOW

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023 - 9:15 PM  
RAIN DATE; JULY 5, 2023

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