

# COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA

*Celebrating*

CITY FOCUS

75



Years

FALL 2023

Anniversary



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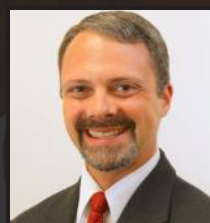
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## COUNCIL COLUMN

**T. Gregory Kochuba**  
Mayor

It is hard to believe that our city, once a town in Chesterfield County, is now celebrating its 75th Anniversary as an independent city! Back in March of 1948, this small town, with a population of 5,000 citizens, became an independent city, thanks to the efforts of Mayor Fred R. Shepherd. Yes, Shepherd Stadium was named for this founding father!

Now, 75 years later, with a population of 18,000 citizens, Colonial Heights continues to maintain its small-town atmosphere while serving as an indispensable retail hub between Richmond and the North Carolina border. With restaurants, retail, and service businesses lining the Boulevard and South Park Shopping area, Colonial Heights serves its residents, the Fort Gregg-Adams community, and Tri-City residents, as well as travelers and visitors - catering to a retail population of over 1.1 million people annually.

Over the years, Colonial Heights has established itself as an ideal place to live, work and raise a family! Offering a high-quality school system, wide assortment of parks and recreational activities, dedicated civic organizations, extensive faith based community, strong senior citizen programs, safe community emphasis, and extensive retail and service resources, Colonial Heights is unique in the quality lifestyle that it offers.

Since 1948, the city has continued many traditional events - the annual Christmas parade, the Fort Clifton Festival, and the Fourth of July fireworks celebration. Newer traditions include the honoring of men and women from Colonial Heights, who served in the Armed Forces, by displaying street banners with their names/photo/rank, and conducting recognition ceremonies to honor deserving community members. Most recently, the city partnered with a hometown baseball team, the Chili Peppers, a Coastal Plains League team (comprised of college baseball players), that plays at the beloved, iconic Shepherd Stadium baseball facility.

In an effort to maintain our historic roots, the city has preserved historic landmarks, such as the Old Brick House, Violet Bank, Shepherd Stadium, and the 300+ year old Cucumber Tree.

Significant residential and retail growth over the years has led to growth in the public safety departments, city library, courthouse services, and community services. Transportation developments, including the opening of the Temple Ave. bridge connecting Colonial Heights with Prince George, the development of the Appomattox River Trail, new Interstate 95 on ramp, and state of the art roundabout traffic system have improved access and enhanced city travel.

We are blessed to live in a community that offers so much for citizens of all ages, is financially strong, provides excellent emergency and safety services, and maintains a strong sense of community. The dedication of past and present city leaders, employees, community volunteers, and citizens have contributed to the growth and success of Colonial Heights over the past 75 years. I encourage you to find ways to get involved to help raise our city to new heights! Love your city!

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

Oct. 3rd	Planning Commission	6:00pm
	Council Chambers (Tentative)*	
Oct. 9th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
Oct. 10th	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
Oct. 17th	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
	Council Chamber	

## NOVEMBER

Nov. 8th	Planning Commission	6:00pm
	Council Chambers (Tentative)*	
Nov. 10th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
Nov. 14th	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
Nov. 21st	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
	Council Chambers (Tentative)	
Nov. 23 & 24	City Holidays (Government Offices Closed)	

\*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
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TREASURER.....	(804)520-9321
UTILITIES BILLING .....	(804)520-9288



**This year is the 75th anniversary of Colonial Heights becoming a City!**

**In 1926 Colonial Heights was incorporated as a Town and in 1948 by Court Decree, Colonial Heights became a City!**

**We invite you to tour the City through the eyes of those that were able to experience it the way it was when it all began!**

**Follow the link below or scan QR Code to enjoy some historic pictures, videos, and hear from the residents that helped grow Colonial Heights into the wonderful City we all enjoy and love!**

<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofcolonialheightsvirgi6858/videos>



*SCAN ME*

**In just a few years, the City will celebrate a major milestone with the 100th anniversary of Colonial Heights incorporation as a town! Look for future news on major celebration activities in 2026!**

**FUN FACTS** Incorporated as a Town in 1926  
Incorporated as a City in 1948  
**Colonial Heights** Annexation from County in 1956

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# CRIME SOLVERS

CHESTERFIELD | COLONIAL HEIGHTS

## Light up the Night Against Crime 5K Run/Walk

October 7, 2023  
Registration: 5:30 p.m.  
Run Starts 7 p.m.

White Bank Park  
400 White Bank Rd  
Colonial Heights

**We need your help!**

Food • Music • Trophies • Run for Time

Cost: \$30

Students: \$20

(18 & under)

Late Registration: \$35

(after 10/1)



Scan QR code or go to  
[www.crimesolvers.net](http://www.crimesolvers.net)  
(scroll to 5K Run/Walk)

### Sponsorship Information:

#### PLATINUM

\$2500

Logo/Name on Start/Finish Line Banner  
Logo/Name on Front of T-Shirt  
6 Complimentary Tickets to Event

#### GOLD

\$1500

Prominent Display of Logo/Name on  
Back of Race T-Shirts  
5 Complimentary Tickets to Event

#### SILVER

\$1000

Prominent Display of Logo/Name on  
Back of Race T-Shirts (Below Gold)  
3 Complimentary Tickets to Event

#### BRONZE

\$500

Logo/Name on Back of Race T-Shirts  
2 Complimentary Tickets to Event

#### MARKER

\$100

Name on Back of Race T-Shirts  
Logo/Name on Kilometer Sign Trail

Questions? Contact Mike Beavers 804-356-0012 or [Crimesolvers5k@gmail.com](mailto:Crimesolvers5k@gmail.com)



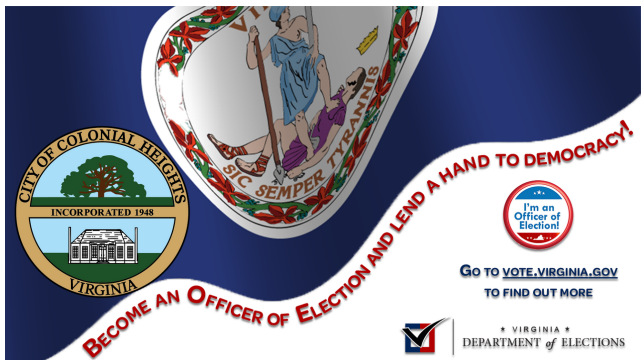
## WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE CITY OPERATES?

## APPLY FOR THE CITIZENS GOVERNMENT ACADEMY

The Citizens Government Academy, a free 8-week program, provides residents with an opportunity to learn more about the operations and services of their City government. Each week, program participants visit different departments to meet the director or elected official and learn about specific departmental operations through hands on activities, demonstrations, group discussions and site tours.

Academy programs are held during the spring (March – May) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at various facilities throughout the City. Applicants must be 18 years-of-age or older, a resident of the City of Colonial Heights, attend at least 7 out of 8 sessions and participate in the graduation ceremony. Class size is limited.

If you are interested in being considered for a future academy, applications are available at [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov) or by contacting the Human Resources Department at [carpenterj@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:carpenterj@colonialheightsva.gov) or (804) 524-8749.



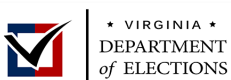
**BECOME A POLL WORKER FOR THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS**  
TRAINING PROVIDED. PAY OFFERED!

APPLY TODAY ONLINE: [ELECTIONS.VIRGINIA.GOV/OFFICERS](http://ELECTIONS.VIRGINIA.GOV/OFFICERS)  
IN PERSON: CITY HALL, 201 JAMES AVENUE

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL THE GENERAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE  
AT 804-520-9277 OR  
EMAIL: [REGISTRAR@COLONIALHEIGHTSVA.GOV](mailto:REGISTRAR@COLONIALHEIGHTSVA.GOV)

**BE SURE YOUR VOTER INFORMATION UP TO DATE!**

Help us  
Help you  
Vote

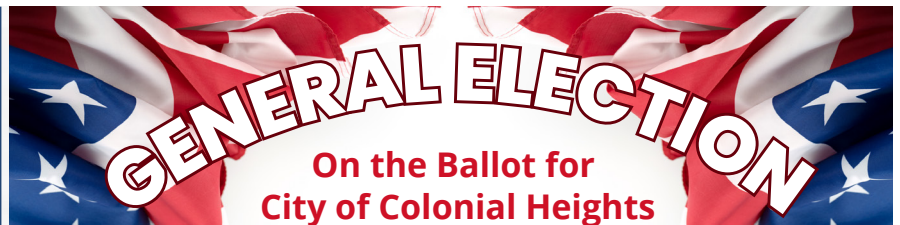


- ☒ Are you registered to vote?
- ☒ Is your address current?
- ☒ Have you changed your name?

Go to [vote.virginia.gov](http://vote.virginia.gov) and

**CHECK NOW!**

Before it's too late!



On the Ballot for  
City of Colonial Heights

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**Member, Senate of Virginia 12th District**

- Glen H. Sturtevant Jr. – R
- Natan D. McKenzie – D

**Member, House of Delegates 74th District**

- Michael A. Cherry – R

Write-ins are permissible for all offices

In-person early voting at the City Hall Registrar's office begins September 22, 2023 and will be available through Saturday, November 4, 2023. To receive an absentee ballot by mail, an application must be submitted by October 27, 2023.

**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](http://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](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov), under Registrar/Director of Elections, for voting information.





## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 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 Services  
(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 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

## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA...



# COLONIAL HEIGHTS RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

## SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

### Fall 2023 Soccer Registration

CHSA offers 3 levels of play. We have Travel Soccer, Cross-Association Recreational, and our in-house Recreational program. Travel Soccer through for the players that have been selected via the tryout process for our teams. Tryouts are conducted in the Spring for the Fall/Spring season(s). 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. Cross-Association registration can be done online which closes on July 31st. The recreational program online registration closes August 12th. Games will begin in early September. To register visit [www.colonialheightssoccer.com](http://www.colonialheightssoccer.com).

*\*\*All Travel Players must upload a copy of their birth certificate and a photo during the registration process\*\**

### Pickleball

#### Progressive Hello/Goodbye Round Robin League

Join us for our popular Wednesday 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  
Wednesdays 9/20-10/25 5:45pm-8:00pm  
Session 1 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm  
Session 2 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm  
\$5 CHMS Courts

### Pickleball 101

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.

Mondays 9/18 - 11/20 6:00pm-8:00pm  
FREE CHMS Courts

### Youth Hello/Goodbye Round Robin Tournament

Join us for our inaugural youth pickleball tournament! This Youth Hello/Goodbye Round Robin League has enough room for 24 players, reported scores will be used to publish win/loss and total points scored standings to seed individual players to games in order to establish a Gold, Silver, and Bronze finishing duos! Pre-Registration is highly recommended due to the 24 player limit!

Saturday September 23  
FREE CHMS Courts

*Pre-Register to Save Your Spot*

### Youth Basketball

#### Grades K - 10

Registration for 2023/2024 youth basketball will begin on September 1, 2023. The deadline to register is November 22, 2023. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Weekly Saturday clinics will be held for age 7+ during December. Practices begin in late December. Practice/game times will vary depending on the number of teams in each age group. Fee: \$20

#### COED:

Parent/Child Instructional  
8U Instructional  
10U Developmental

Grades K-1 / Ages 5-6  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 6-8  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9-10

#### BOYS:

U12 League  
U15 League

Grades 6-7 / Ages 11-12  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 13-15

#### GIRLS:

U12 League  
U15 League

Grades 6-7 / Ages 11-12  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 13-15

### Youth Basketball Cheerleading

Registration for 2023/2024 youth basketball cheerleading will begin on September 1, 2023. The deadline to register is November 22, 2023. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Weekly practices begin November 27, 2023. Game times will vary depending on the number of teams in each age group. Fee: \$20

Grades 3-8 / Ages 8-13

SOVA CHAMBER 11TH ANNUAL

# 2023 TURKEY TROT

BROUGHT TO YOU BY STROSNIER CHEVROLET

**SIGN-UP TODAY**

[WWW.SOVACHAMBER.COM](http://WWW.SOVACHAMBER.COM)

**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023  
9AM -12PM



# Classes and Activities

## **Beginner & Intermediate Swing Dance**

Join our instructors, Roger and Denise Underhill, for this 6-week beginner and/or intermediate swing dance class series. Want to learn how to turn that stumbling into dancing or are new to partner dancing to classic blues, rhythm and blues, soul, and beach music? These 7:00 pm beginner lessons are a great place to start and as you get more and more comfortable then stay for the 8:00 pm class!

Are you looking for more of a challenge or to learn new moves? Start with the beginner class at 7:00 pm for a good warm-up and help the new dancers, then stay for the 8:00 pm class to challenge your abilities with new patterns and movements! Before you know it, you'll be dancing at any place where there is music being played!

**All classes are open to couples and individuals!**

Thurs 9/21-10/26 / Beginner Class / 7pm-8pm  
Intermediate / 8pm-9pm

Colonial Heights Moose Lodge

\$45/person or FREE to Moose Members

## **Wild Child**

Recommended for Grades K-5. Calling all home schoolers to join us in this immersive nature-based program. We will meet at White Bank Park and learn about the ecosystems within. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. **Pre-Registration required.**

Tues, September 19th.

Tues, October 3rd

Tues, October 17th

11am-12pm / White Bank Park / Free.

## **Wiggle Worms**

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us each week to discover and learn about a new park in Colonial Heights! We will explore the park, use our senses, make crafts and more! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. **Pre-Registration required.**

Thurs, September 7 / Lakeview Park

Thurs, September 14 / White Bank Park

Thurs, October 5 / Fort Clifton Park

11am-12pm / Free.

## **Grandparent's Night Out**

Recommended for ages 5-12. Celebrate National Grandparents Day with us! Grandparents bring out your grandkids and enjoy a night of food, games and crafts! All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. **Pre-Registration required.**

Fri, September 15th. 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Colonial Heights Community Center. \$5/Person.

## **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.

portation.

Mon, September 18: Splat Painting. 5:30-6:30pm.

Mon, October 30: Spooky Fun. 5:30-6:30pm.

Mon, November 27: Fall Painting & Sensory Bins. 5:30-6:30pm.

Senior Center. \$5/child.

## **Imagination Thursday's**

Recommended for ages 5-11. 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.\**

Thurs, September 21 / Boats / 5:30-6:30pm.

Thurs, October 26th / Spooky STEM / 5:30-6:30pm.

Thurs, November 30th / Weather Exploration /

5:30-6:30pm.

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, September 25th / Hooting Owls / 11am-12pm.

Mon, October 23rd / Creepy Critters / 11am-12pm.

Thursday, November 9th / Bats / 1pm-2pm.

Library. Free.

## **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.

Tues, September 26th / Fantastic Foxes / 5:30-6:30pm.

Tues, October 24th / Spiders & Owls / 5:30-6:30pm.

Thurs, November 16th / Talking Turkeys / 5:30-6:30pm.

Library. \$3/child.

## **Pumpkin Phun**

Recommended for ages 5-11. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us in celebrating fall by doing a combination of games, STEM and crafts with pumpkins! Work together to solve challenges and join us for all things pumpkin related. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thurs, October 19th / 5:30-7pm.

Community Center / \$5 Child.

## **Fall Sensory Fest**

Recommended for ages 3-8. Join us in exploring and using our senses during this fall fest! We will have stations for participants to move through that focus on one of our senses. Activities will include, but not limited to sensory bins, games, crafts and more! All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

transportation.

Fri, October 20th / 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Community Center. \$3/Child.

## **Finding Fossils**

Recommended for ages 5-11. Join us as we learn all about fossils! Participants will get to look for fossils, create their own fossils and see real ones in this immersive program. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thurs, November 2nd / 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Community Center. \$3/Child.

## **Turkey Talk**

Recommended for ages 3-5. Ever wonder what turkeys are saying when the gobble? We'll find out in this fun preschool program! We will read a book, make crafts and more! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Mon, November 13th / 11am-12pm.

Library. Free.

## **A Night Under the Stars**

Recommended for ages 5-11. Join us as a family for a fun filled night. Dress in your best and enter a world beneath the stars! Enjoy time together while dancing, eating and playing games. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Sat, November 18th / 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Community Center. \$3/Person.

## **Hooting Owls**

Recommended for ages 5-11. Join us to learn about majestic owls. Participate in a guided owl pellet dissection after learning about what makes owls so unique. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Mon, November 20th / 5:30-6:30pm.

Senior Center. \$3/Child.

## **Halloween Drive in Movie Night**

Recommended for all ages and welcoming of all abilities. Get together to enjoy some quality time together while munching on candy and watching a movie! *(Please note: we will be watching a Halloween movie. This will be a family friendly movie, no horror or scary movies).*

Tue, October 31 / 6-9pm.

Colonial Heights Community Center. Free.

## **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.**

Stir Fry / Thurs, September 14 / 6-7:30pm

CYO Bento Boxes / Thurs, September 28 / 6-7:30pm

Sheet Pan Nachos / Thurs, October 5 / 6-7:30pm

Burger Bar / Thurs, October 19 / 6-7:30pm

All Things Salad / Thurs, November 26 / 7:30pm

Dumplings & Wontons / Thurs, November 16 / 6-7:30pm

Holiday Feast / Thurs, December 14 / 6-7:30pm

Community Center \$10/class



## Classes and Activities Cont.

### 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.

September 5- September 26 / 5-6:30pm  
Community Center \$45/4 sessions

### 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.**

Soap Creations / Mon, September 25 / 5:30-7pm  
Bubble Exploration / Tues, October 17 / 5:30-7pm  
The Water Cycle / Mon, November 6 / 5:30-7pm  
Build Your Own Rocket / Tues, December 12 / 5:30-7pm  
Senior Center \$10/class

### 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.**

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

### DIY Kid's: Sculpting

Come join us as we create our very own sculpture! Children will embark on a creative adventure filled with clay, tools, and boundless possibilities. All materials are provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Suited for ages 7-12. **Preregistration required.**

October 10 / 5:30-6:30pm  
Community Center \$10/participant

### Artistic Adventures: Paint & Sip for Kids

Come join us for our delightful paint and sip program, where young artists can express themselves in vibrant colors while sipping on refreshing drinks! All materials are provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. *Suited for ages 5-12. Preregistration required.*

November 29 / 5:30-6:30pm  
Violet Bank \$5/participant

### The Great Pumpkin Party

Come join us with your family for a fun dance party at the park! We will have games, crafts, music, and light refreshments. All materials are provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. *Suited for all ages.*

October 13 / 6-8:30pm  
White Bank Park / Free

### Cultural Connections

Join us as we embark on a remarkable exploration of different places, culture, and wonders through food, art, music, dance and more! All materials are provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. *Suited for ages 6-12. Preregistration required.*

Greece / Mon, October 23 / 5:30-6pm  
Russia / Mon, November 13 / 5:30-6pm  
China / Mon, December 11 / 5:30-6pm

Senior Center \$5/class

### Musical Creations

Come join us as we create our own musical instruments using recycled materials and art supplies! All materials are provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. *Suited for ages 6-12. Preregistration required.*

October 6 / 5:30-6:30pm  
Community Center \$5/participant

### 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 9/7-9/28 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Thu 10/5-10/26 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Thu 11/2-11/30 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
\$30 Community Center

### Fitness Warriors

Ages 13+

We have partnered with Sports backers 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 9/4-9/25 6:00pm  
Mon 10/2-10/30 6:00pm  
Mon 11/6-11/27 6:00pm  
FREE Community Center

### Soul Line Dance w/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 9/5-9/28 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Tue 10/3-10/31 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Tue 11/7-11/28 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
\$5/class Community Center

### Martial Arts/Self Defense

Ages 7-18

This class focuses on strong basics, self-discipline, respect and teamwork concentrating on martial arts and self-defense techniques. All fitness and experience levels are welcome. No contracts, pay

by the month.

Tue 9/5-9/26 6-7:30pm  
Tue 10/3-10/24 6-7:30pm  
Tue 11/7-11/28 6-7:30pm  
Tue 12/5-12/19 6-7:30pm  
\$40 Lakeview Elem. Gym

### Yoga with Mickenzie

Ages: 10 - Adult

Full scope yoga class that includes breathwork, stretching, self reflection/meditation exercises, and an overview of their benefits. (Beginner- Intermediate level, modifications will be provided). Class will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month.

Tue 9/12, 9/26 5:30-6:30pm  
Tue 10/10, 10/24 5:30-6:30pm  
Tue 11/14, 11/28 5:30-6:30pm  
\$10 Violet Bank Museum

## 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 the City Spring Clean-up Day, Lemonade Stand, collecting items for the Colonial Heights Food Pantry and volunteering at the Back to School Festival. YAC currently accepts applications on a rolling basis and will meet the last Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at 6:30pm.

### Kids Achieving Progress After School Program. Why K.A.P.?

Academic Support, Mentoring, Steam Activities, Field Trips, Community Service Projects, Improve Self-Confidence and Social Skills!

Kids' Achieving Progress Afterschool Program (K.A.P) is a referral-based, free program serving 4th-5th grade students residing in Colonial Heights. KAP is held at Tussing, North, and Lakeview Elementary Schools on Monday through Thursday from 3:05 pm to 5:30 pm. The program is active from September to April.

Call today to reserve your space for 2023-2024 school year. Office on Youth is looking for Volunteers! Be part of our amazing program!

If interested please contact Christian Velez at  
(804) 524-8752 or  
email [velez-ortizc@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:velez-ortizc@colonialheightsva.gov).



## CHARLESTON, SC & SAVANNAH, GA

4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS

APRIL 15 - 18, 2024

**\$755 Per Person Double Occupancy**  
**\$1,030 Per Person Single Occupancy**

FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

**COLONIAL HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER**  
**Stacy Sandry**  
**157 Roanoke Ave.**  
**Colonial Heights, VA 23834**  
**(804) 520-9220**





## VIOLET BANK MUSEUM EVENTS

### Violet Bank Garden Club

Formed at Violet Bank in 1949. The club helps with special projects at the facility such as working with the gardens, hosting special events such as the Christmas Open House and whatever the curator needs the members to do. It is a "treasure" for the city that we need to cherish for generations to come. Our members are delighted in being able to help maintain and help preserve the facilities.

If you would like to know more about the club and what the club does to help showcase Violet Bank Museum and Colonial Heights, please contact Jan Pingel at 804-731-3599. The club meets on the third Monday at noon from September through June.

### Violet Bank Stitchers From The Heart

This group meets at Violet Bank Museum every Tuesday from 10:00am-12pm to create beautiful items for those in need. Items include hats, scarves, baby blankets, cotton wash cloths, toys, pet cage cozies and more. The group gratefully accepts yarn donations,

just drop it off during normal museum operating hours. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile endeavor. Any skill level is welcome to join the group.

### Community Yard Sale

Sat, September 9 / 7:00 am-noon

\$5.00 for a 10 foot by 10 foot space, no tables, chairs or canopies provided. Sale starts at 7:00 am, so please no early birds. Please register online to guarantee your sales space or drop in day-of to set up where ever there is room.

### An Old-Fashioned Tent Meeting

Sat. September 30 / 11:00am-2:00pm

Enjoy an anti-bellum (pre-Civil war) service with a timely message. Sing hymns along with Harken Back String Band. A family friendly event, suited for all ages. Free to come, donations are appreciated

### Vintage Doll Display and Creepy Doll Contest

Daily / October 1 - October 31

Vintage dolls will be displayed in the Shore Parlor during normal operating hours for visitors to admire and vote for the creepiest one on display, vote in person at Violet Bank Museum. The doll with the most votes by 5pm on October 30th will be declared the winner and be posted on October 31st. Free.

### Popsicle Stick Christmas Ornaments

Sat, December 2 / 10am-11am

All materials and instructions will be provided to complete a glittering Christmas Tree and a Christmas door with wreath ornament. \$3.00 per child and registration is required. *Best suited for ages 5 to 10*; involves paint, glue and glitter.

### Sounds of the Season

Sat, December 9 / 1pm-3pm

Please come to hear the Immanuel Baptist Church Choir perform in the lovely Lee Parlor at Violet Bank. *This is suited for all ages*. Free but donations are welcomed.

### Candlelight Christmas Open House

Sat, December 9 / 5pm-7pm

Visit the beautifully decorated house in the soft glow of candlelight, listen to the delightful playing of Red Tenor Sax and Flutist, Iris Schwartz. Free but donations are welcomed. *Suitable for all ages*.

### Candlelight Christmas Open House

Sun, December 10 / 5pm-7pm

Join us at Violet Bank to admire the holiday decorations and ambiance of this special place. Clan Haggis will be performing so you won't want to miss it! Free but donations would be appreciated. *This is an all ages program*.



## SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

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 4:00 p.m. (With services being provided from 8:15a.m. to 3:45 p.m.) and Saturday (for special circumstances) 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 most Colonial Heights destinations and to a few out of City medical appointments only. 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 ..... Pinochle  
1:15pm ..... 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 .....Basic 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 Ball  
9:00am ..... Beginner's Line Dancing (Library)  
9:30am ..... oga Warrior  
10:30am ..... Sit & Let's Get Fit  
11:15am ..... Coffee Break  
11:20am ..... Meditation  
12:00pm ..... Lunch (\$-must register)  
1:15pm ..... Senior Citizens Club Mtg.  
(4th Thursday at Golden Corral - 11:30am)  
1:30pm ..... Open Paint

### 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)- \$



## 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 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, September 20 / 2-3:30pm.

Wed, October 25 / 2-3:30pm.

Wed, November 29 / 2-3:30pm.

Library. Free.

### TR Wednesday Classes

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

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

September 6 .....Open Mic Night FREE

September 13.....Park Play FREE

September 20.....5 Year TR Birthday Party FREE

September 27.....BINGO FREE

October 4 .....Campout FREE

October 11.....Taste Testing FREE

October 18.....Library Night FREE

October 25.....Halloween Party FREE

November 1.....Music Therapy FREE

November 8.....Paint & Sip FREE

November 15.....Thanksgiving Party FREE

November 22.....NO TR

November 29.....Sit & Fit FREE

## Please welcome our new Colonial Heights Public Schools Superintendent. Haidee S. Ratliff



Mrs. Ratliff is a life-long resident of Colonial Heights. She married her husband, Mike Ratliff, on June 29, 2023.

Mrs. Ratliff has dedicated her career to serving the students and families of Colonial Heights Public Schools for 34 years. She has served as a teacher, coach, school counselor, administrator for special education, Director of Assessment and Data, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and Interim Executive Director of Appomattox Regional Governor's School.

She attended Flora M. Hill, Tussing Elementary, CH Junior High School, Colonial Heights High School and graduated from Longwood College with an undergraduate degree in Special Education and earned her Master's Degrees from Virginia State University in Guidance and Counseling and School Administration and Leadership

## City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade

### The 70th Annual Christmas Parade

A longtime Colonial Heights tradition - will occur on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 7:00pm on the Boulevard, starting at Temple Ave and concluding at the Colonial Heights Courthouse. This year's theme is Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade. Please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (804) 520-9390 or apply online at [www.colonialheightsva.gov/christmasparade](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/christmasparade).

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 3, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (804) 520-9390. We are also accepting sponsorships for the 2023 Christmas Parade. Visit the Christmas Parade page on our website at [www.colonialheightsva.gov/christmasparade](http://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.

## SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY:

Visit [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov) and click on the homepage "Community Spotlight" Link to get started!

## 2 City Services:



## NOTIFY ME

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

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

For assistance please call (804)520-9265.





# NEIGHBORHOOD LEAF REMOVAL

FALL 2023/WINTER 2024

## 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 2022/23 season, city crews collected approximately 2,600 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 four 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 13, 2023 and ending February 29, 2024 except on holidays (weather delays may affect this collection schedule).

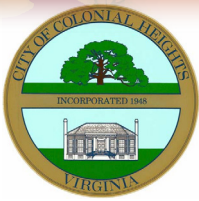
### Preparing Leaves for City Collection

- 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 2023/Winter 2024

### AREA #1 Sherwood Hills, Lakeview & Toll House

Scheduled Pickup Dates  
11/13/23 - 11/27/23  
01/09/24 - 01/22/24

No Pickup on City Holidays  
11/23/23, 11/24/23 & 01/15/24

### AREA #3 Edinborough & Fort Clifton

Scheduled Pickup Dates  
12/11/23 - 12/21/23  
02/05/24 - 02/15/24

### AREA #4 Oak Hill, Shepherd Stadium, Violet Bank-Flora Hill & Westover-Snead

Scheduled Pickup Dates  
12/22/23 - 01/08/24  
02/16/24 - 02/29/24

No Pickup on City Holidays  
12/25/23 & 12/26/23  
01/01/24 & 02/19/23

### AREA #2 Ellerslie, Mount Pleasant & Southpark

Scheduled Pickup Dates  
11/28/23 - 12/08/23  
01/23/24 - 02/02/24





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VOLUNTEERING IS MORE THAN JUST FULL PLATES.**

By volunteering twice a month, will help to feed over 1,000 folks in the Richmond area who need our help.

## MEALS ON WHEELS



**We are looking for volunteers for:  
Meals on Wheels Drivers in your area!**

- Colonial Heights/ Petersburg
- Chesterfield
- Highland Springs and Henrico
- Richmond City
- South Richmond and Manchester



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## COLONIAL HEIGHTS

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

**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:  
(804)898-3002**



# FALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Ft, Clifton Park | 100 Brockwell Lane

**28 | OCTOBER  
10AM-5PM**

**ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS**

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**MOONBOUNCES**

**PUMPKIN CARVING**

**COSTUME CONTEST**

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