

# Colonial Heights

VIRGINIA

## CITY FOCUS



**Lakeview Park PickleBall Courts  
Now Open for Public Use**

*Summer Edition - 2024*



## City of Colonial Heights Council Members



**T. Gregory Kochuba**  
Mayor  
kochubag@colonialheightsva.gov



**Robert W. (Bobby) Wade**  
Vice Mayor  
wader@colonialheightsva.gov



**Kenneth B. Frenier**  
Councilman  
frenierk@colonialheightsva.gov



**E. "Betsy" Gentry Luck**  
Councilwoman  
lucke@colonialheightsva.gov



**John E. Piotrowski**  
Councilman  
piotrowskij@colonialheightsva.gov



**Dr. Laura F. Poe**  
Councilwoman  
poel@colonialheightsva.gov



**John T. Wood**  
Councilman  
woodj@colonialheightsva.gov

**Pamela Wallace**  
City Clerk of Council  
wallacep@colonialheightsva.gov  
(804)520-9360



## COUNCIL COLUMN

### E. "Betsy" Gentry Luck, *Councilwoman*

Warm summer greetings to all of our Colonial Heights citizens! I hope you are able to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather and all of the opportunities we have available in our city! Walk or bike along the Appomattox River Trail. Hike in one of our parks, like Fort Clifton or White Bank. White Bank Park consists of 22 acres overlooking Swift Creek. The park has two rentable pavilions that can accommodate up to 200 people each. There are also eight individual picnic shelters and several multi-purpose play areas. Take your family for a picnic. You can even enjoy disc golf there! Play on the playground at one of the many parks available throughout the city. Visit Violet Bank and enjoy a mini history lesson. Play pickleball at the new pickleball court at Lakeview Park or at the courts beside the Middle School. Catch a ball game at Shepherd Stadium. The Chili Peppers are great! Visit our wonderful public library! There are lots of fun things to do and see in our city.

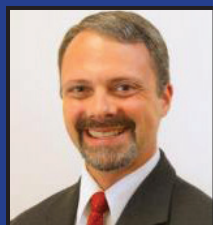
Our City Website was updated in March and can answer lots of your questions or guide you to the right person who can answer your questions. You can find out what is happening in the city. You can even report a concern or pay your Utility Bills, Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes, and Business Licenses on our website. You might look for employment opportunities or fill out an application to serve on one of the city's committees, boards and commissions. You can sign up to be notified about meetings, emergency alerts, and Children's Program events at the Colonial Heights Public Library. Receive alerts when Recreation & Parks activities are cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons. Also, receive reminders when registrations, evaluations, and deadlines are approaching for Recreation & Parks activities. Check it out at: <https://www.colonialheightsva.gov>.

There is just not enough space in this column to list all of the things that are happening in our city. If you'd like to attend our city council meetings, to find out more, they are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 at City Hall. We also have city council work sessions on the third Tuesday of most months. You can read the minutes from these meetings in the agenda center of our city website. City Council appreciates your involvement and encourages you to attend our meetings to ask questions or just stay more informed about the things happening in your city.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our city as one of your seven council members. Don't forget there will be an election in November for four city council members. We hope you exercise your right to vote! Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe!

Sincerely,  
Betsy Luck

## Contact the City Manager



**Douglas E. Smith**  
City Manager  
City Hall  
201 James Avenue  
smithd@colonialheightsva.gov  
(804) 520-9265

## In This Issue & RE happenings

Council Column .....	2	Library Events .....	9
Dates of Interest .....	3	Seniors Calendar .....	10
Finance Department .....	3	C.H. Night Out .....	10
Summer Fire Safety .....	4	Bulky Waste .....	10
Commissioner of the Revenue ....	5	Back to School Hype Night .....	11
Commonwealth Attorney .....	5	2024 Elections .....	11
Sports & Athletics .....	6-8	Memorial Day Program .....	11
Office on Youth .....	8	Choose Colonial Heights .....	12
Violet Bank Museum .....	9	Chili Peppers Baseball .....	12
Senior Center .....	9	Fireworks .....	12

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

June 4th	Planning Commission	6:00pm
	Council Chambers (Tentative)	
June 11th	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
June 18th	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
June 19th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	

July 2nd	Planning Commission	6:00pm
	Council Chambers	
July 4th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
July 9th	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
July 16th	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
	Council Chambers	

Aug. 7th	Planning Commission	6:00pm
	Council Chambers	
Aug. 13th	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
Aug. 20th	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
	Council Chambers (Tentative)	

Sept. 2nd	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
Sept. 4th	Planning Commission	6:00pm
	Council Chambers	
Sept. 10th	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
Sept. 17th	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
	Council Chambers	

### IMPORTANT COLONIAL HEIGHTS PHONE NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE EMERGENCY .....	<b>DIAL 911</b>
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
REGISTRAR/DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS.....	(804)520-9277
SHERIFF.....	(804)520-9352
STREET MAINTENANCE .....	(804)520-9372
TREASURER .....	(804)520-9321
UTILITIES BILLING.....	(804)520-9288



**Christina Sadler**  
Director of Finance

## From the Finance Department

### Here are a few reminders of important due dates:

Pet owners, if you haven't already purchased your dog or cat tags for the city that were due January 31, 2024, please make sure to submit a valid rabies certificate and spay/neuter documentation (if applicable) with your payment. Please make sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the tag and certificate to be mailed back to you.

**Due date for the first half of real estate taxes was May 15th.**

**Due date for the first half of personal property taxes is June 5th.**

If you have any questions regarding any of the above-mentioned bills, you may contact the **Billing & Collections Office at 804-520-9320.**

## EXCLUSION METERS

Do you have a pool, irrigation system, or just use a lot of water outside? You can purchase an exclusion meter from the City to reduce your sewer bill for the water you use that doesn't end up down the drain. City Code Section 238-8.C provides that bi-monthly sewer charges shall be adjusted for water that does not reach the City's sanitary or storm sewer system, provided the user install, maintain, and repair, at his own expense, an exclusion meter satisfactory to the Department of Public Utilities' specifications.

Acceptable meters are sold at the City Utility Billing Office located on the first floor City Hall. This 5/8" meter is suitable for outside faucet and hose connection.

*Customers are responsible for submitting the meter reading at least once a year online, by email, or phone. If your account number begins with 01-13, your meter reading is due by the 20th of odd number months. If your account number begins with 14-26, your meter reading is due by the 20th of even number months.*

For more information, you can contact the **Utility Billing Office at 804-520-9288.**

# Yard of the Year

**Nominate your yard or a neighbor's yard for a chance to be voted a "YARD OF THE YEAR" WINNER!**



scan  
code

**For more information, visit:**

**colonialheightsva.gov**

**or contact:**

**Planning & Community Development**

**201 James Avenue**

**804-520-9297**

**planning@colonialheightsva.gov**



## CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2023

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/13095/2023-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.







# SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

As we get into the spring and summer seasons, we get into lawn and garden and time to cut the grass. For most of us cutting the grass means storing, using, and dispensing gasoline for our mowers. Almost three-quarters of civilian injuries resulted from unintentional causes. Fuel spills or releases; using gasoline to kindle fire, and gasoline too close to a heat source were the leading factors contributing to ignition in home gasoline structure fires.

**If gasoline must be transported in a vehicle, follow these required safety practices for use and storage of flammable liquids:**

- Transport only a small amount in a listed gas can that is sealed.
- Keep a window open for ventilation.
- Gas cans (or propane cylinders, for that matter) should never be transported in the passenger compartment.
- Drive safely to avoid an accident.

These same precautions should also be used when gasoline is stored at home. These same listed, labeled, and approved containers with a cap are the only suitable way to store gasoline in garages and sheds. Do not store gasoline in the living space of a home. And never store these containers in areas where an open flame – like those associated with a natural gas water heater or furnace – would be located.

**Should a vehicle catch fire, while transporting gasoline or otherwise, keep NFPA Car Fire Safety practices in mind, which state, in part:**

- Pull over as quickly as it is feasible, using your signal as you make your way to a safe location off the road such as the breakdown lane or rest stop.
- Once you have stopped, turn off the engine.
- Get everyone out of the car.
- Move everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- Call 9-1-1.
- Never return to a burning car for anything.



**The latest version of the Educational Messages Advisory Committee (EMAC) Desk Reference contains information and guidance on ignitable (flammable and combustible) liquids, in general. It recommends the following:**

- Store gasoline in a tightly capped container that has been listed, labeled, and approved for gasoline.
- Store the container outside the home in your garage or garden shed, never in your basement.
- Do not store hazardous liquids near any source of heat, sparks, or flame. That includes electric motors, which can spark when they switch on or off.

- Never dispense gasoline into a portable container while it is located inside a vehicle or in the bed of truck.
- Never bring gasoline indoors, even in small quantities.
- Keep gasoline out of children's sight and reach. Children should never handle gasoline.

NFPA 1 Fire Code prohibits the dispensing of gasoline and other flammable liquids into containers that are not listed or approved for such use. These containers are designed, constructed, and tested to ensure their closures prevent leaks of liquids and vapors. Like the aforementioned safety recommendations, The Fire Code also requires the container to be properly marked with the contents, and not fueled while inside any vehicle.



**Other Important Reminders**

- Store only enough gasoline necessary to power equipment and let machinery cool before refueling it.
- Never refill your equipment while running. Again, a small spark could easily ignite the vapors.
- Clean up spills promptly with a dry absorbent agent such as cat litter or baking soda and discard clean-up materials in a well-ventilated area.
- You can isolate the spill and allow it to evaporate. The hotter the temperature outside the faster it will leave the area. Again, eliminate any potential ignition sources and call the fire department.
- Do not smoke when handling gasoline.
- Smoking is only adding an ignition source to a highly flammable environment. Leave the area where gasoline is being stored, dispensed, or used before smoking.
- Never use gasoline in place of kerosene.
- Appliances are designed to work with certain flammable or combustible liquids. Gasoline is a highly flammable liquid, while kerosene is classified as a combustible liquid. Using gasoline will cause excessive heat and a fire.
- Use caution when fueling automobiles. Do not get in and out of the automobile when fueling. Although rare, an electrical charge on your body could spark a fire, especially during the dry winter months.
- Always stay with the nozzle and monitor for potential problems. If you must re-enter the vehicle, touch the vehicle remote from the nozzle to discharge any possible static charge.
- Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors. Place the container on the ground before filling and never fill containers inside a vehicle or in the bed of a pick-up truck.
- Any time flammable liquids are being dispensed there is a potential for a buildup static electrical charge. All containers need to be grounded to prevent this from occurring.
- Follow all manufacturer's instructions when using electronic devices (those with batteries or connected to an electrical outlet) near gasoline.

*Information provided by the National Fire Protection Association.*

## ARE YOU ON A LIMITED/FIXED INCOME? IS YOUR HOME IN NEED OF REPAIRS?

The City's Home Repair Program is a HUD-sponsored grant program to assist low to moderate-income residents with repairs and upgrades such as (but not limited to):

*\* Roof replacements and repairs \* Front porch replacements and repairs \* Electric amp upgrades and outlet replacement*

*\* The sealing of windows, doors, and crawl spaces \* Installation of deadbolt locks and flood lights*

*\* Conversion of bathtubs to showers to prevent slips and falls \* Conversion of carpet to hard surface floors to prevent slips and falls \**

*\* Installation of bath room grab bars, shower seats, and raised toilets*

**To know more about the Home Repair Program call the Planning & Community Development Department at (804) 520-9297**



# FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

I am writing this in hopes that you have already received your 2024 personal property bill in the mail from Billing & Collections. We are in our fourth year of using our new tax software and hope that this billing cycle many of the issues we have had in the past have been cleared up. If not, always remember that there is nothing that we cannot fix if it is not correct. In addition, incorrect assessments do not have to be rectified by the June 5 due date. We continue to utilize information received electronically from DMV and we all know that that information is not always completely accurate, so we continue to rely on you telling us all year long when you do buy and sell or otherwise dispose of vehicles or other personal property. Please be sure that not only your correct address shows on your vehicle registration, but, also the Garage Jurisdiction just below your address. It should say Colonial Heights City.



**Bill Feasenmyer**

*Commissioner of  
the Revenue*

I continue to request that you let us know about any changes to your address or what you own as soon after they occur as possible. It remains our goal to get it right every time and we need your help in doing so. 100% disabled Veterans, one passenger vehicle that you own or co-own is exempt from personal property tax. Please keep us updated on which vehicle you would like exempt if you own more than one. You may still be billed for the License Fee depending on what type of plate you have. Active Duty military with an out of state HOR, you must provide us with a current LES to be exempt from personal property taxes and license fees. As always, remember, there is nothing that we cannot fix or make correct before you make any payments.

## GENERAL REMINDERS FOR US ALL

- Elderly and Disabled Real Estate Tax Relief applications are due by March 31, however, we will assist you even after that date. You must provide the documents noted on the application.
- New business owners are required to get a Business License prior to opening.
- All businesses in the City should now have a renewed 2024 Business License.
- You must keep your name and address updated at DMV. Changes are required by State Law within 30 days. You can do that on the DMVNow website or visit our new DMV Select located in City Hall
- Colonial Heights does not pro-rate personal property tax. If you owned the vehicle or other property on January 1, 2024, you will pay taxes for the entire year in Colonial Heights regardless of when you move or when you sold it. In addition, personal property purchased in 2024 will not get taxed until 2025.
- Any questions can be directed to your Commissioner, Bill Feasenmyer at [feasenmyerw@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:feasenmyerw@colonialheightsva.gov) or 804 520-9281.



**Alfred Gray  
Collins, III**  
*Commonwealth's  
Attorney*

Dear Citizens,  
It's that time again! With the onset of summer and summertime projects, the Commonwealth's Attorney Office has seen an increase in cases where unlicensed contractors are soliciting business. In the cases we see, the "contractor" will take your money and either does no work, very little work, or shoddy work. While my office will try to prosecute for Construction Fraud, there are many times where the fraudulent intent cannot be proved by the evidence. The fact is, many contractors know that even a little bit of work will prevent

criminal charges.

Also, many people have asked me how can they prevent this problem from happening. So here are some tips to help save yourself an expensive headache:

### **Tip #1: Always check to see if they have a contracting license.**

While you may ask the person if they're licensed, the better way to check is through the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR). Their official website ([dpor.virginia.gov](http://dpor.virginia.gov)) has a license search feature. Here, you can search to see if they have a valid contracting license.

Anyone performing services or managing a project (removing, repairing, or improving) who's value is in excess of \$1,000 needs a Virginia's contractor license.

If the person does not have the license they can be charged criminally under Virginia law.

### **Tip #2: Don't pre-pay or send gift cards over the phone**

Most scam artists will want you to pay in full, prior to any work being done. Most reputable contractors might need some expenses upfront, (such as material costs) but certainly not the full amount. You should be suspicious of anyone who wants to

be paid in gift cards or pre-paid credit cards.

### **Tip #3: Get the work to be completed in writing and in a contract**

Managing expectations of what you want completed versus what the contractor thinks needs to be done can be a problem. A written contract, with the specifics of the work to be performed, can alleviate any confusion on both sides. Also, including a timeline, material costs, and labor costs are good ways to avoid future conflict and disputes.

Reputable contractors usually have a "standard" contract that lists out the work to be performed and a completion date.

### **Tip #4: What should you do if you feel that you are a victim of contractor fraud**

Almost everyone has a cell phone, so you can easily take a quick picture of the person, the contract, and the vehicle they drove with the license plate. This will help the police identify the person to charge in the event of fraud. Furthermore, take pictures of the area prior to work beginning.

If you believe you have been a victim of crime, you should always contact the Police Department. They will take a report and investigate the situation. It may not be an actual "crime" but you may have civil remedies, such as breach of contract for which neither my office nor the police department can help. We suggest you should consult with an attorney who practices civil law.

Using these tips – and your own intuition – will help to prevent you becoming a victim of construction fraud.

*My office stands ready to help victims of crime and to help make Colonial Heights a safer place to live, work, and shop. If you have any further questions, you can email me directly at: [Collinsa@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:Collinsa@colonialheightsva.gov).*

## OFFICE HOURS:

MON - Fri, 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, MON - Fri 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 & Athletics

### Summer Flag Football Leagues

Boys and Girls Ages 5-23

Calling all football fans! Gear up for some summer fun with a flag football league for everyone! We're inviting boys, girls, men, and women of ages 5-23 to join us for a season of touchdowns, teamwork, and friendly competition. Get ready to run, catch, and have a blast! Don't miss out on the summer's hottest league! Days and times will depend on number of registrants.

Mo-Th 6/18-7/23 TBA

\$20 Soccer Complex

### Chili Peppers Baseball Camps

Ages 6-13

Join the Tri-City Chili Peppers players and coaches for youth baseball camps this Summer. Participants will enjoy two days of skill building activities alongside Chili Peppers players and coaches. On Day 2 of each camp participants will have the opportunity to participate during Chili Peppers pre-game batting practice and then stick around for their game that night. Cost includes a pre-game meal at the Stadium. One player and one parent ticket is also included in the cost as well. Parents must arrive at 5:45pm on the 2nd day of camp for the game. Register at [chilipeppersbaseball.com](http://chilipeppersbaseball.com).

Camp 1 6/18-6/19

Camp 2 7/18-7/19

\$110/player Shepherd Stadium

### Tennis Camp

Ages 9-13

Come and learn the basics of tennis using fun games and age appropriate activities. Participants must bring their own tennis racket and water bottles. Tennis shoes preferred.

Su-Th 7/7-7/11 6:30pm-8:00 pm

\$40 CHHS Tennis Courts

### 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.

Mo-Th 7/22-7/25 6:00pm-8:00 pm

\$25 CHHS Gym

### Soccer Camp

Ages 5-13

The Colonial Heights High School boys and girls soccer coaching staff along with their players would like to invite any students 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 6/3-6/5 6:00pm-7:30pm

\$30 Soccer Complex

### Basketball Camp

Ages 6-17

Colonial Heights High School Basketball is teaming up once again to host their annual summer youth basketball camp. The camp will be led by Coach John Thomas of Colonial Heights High School.

Mo-Th 7/15-7/18

9:00am-11:30 am (ages 6-11)

12:00pm-3:00 pm (ages 12-17)

\$50 CHHS Gym

### 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 invited to cheer at the football game on elementary night during the Fall of 2024.

Mo-We 7/15-7/17 6:30pm-7:30pm

\$25 CHHS Football Stadium

### Monday Nights

#### Under the Lights Pickleball

Ages 12+

We're inviting boys, girls, men, and women of ages 12+ to join us to sharpen your skills and unleash your inner champion at our weekly Pickleball Night! This program caters to both beginners and intermediate players, offering a fun and inclusive environment to learn, improve, and connect with fellow pickleball enthusiasts.

Cost: **FREE**

Mo 6/3-8/19 6:00pm-8:00pm

**FREE** Lakeview Park Pickleball Courts



## Family Fun:

### Charcutier & Paint Night

Recommended for ages 18+. Join us for a night out that consists of charcutier, sparkling non-alcoholic drinks and crafting. Leave the stress and frustrations at home and take some me time with us! All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thu June 6th 6-8pm.  
\$10/Person Senior Center

### Creatures of the Night

Recommended for all ages. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us in celebrating the longest day of the year by learning about various creatures of the night! Learn about unique features, listen to calls we hear at night and id them, take a short walk and more! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thu June 20th 6:30-8pm  
Free Fort Clifton Park

### Full Moon Hike

Recommended for all ages. Join us for a night hike where we are guided by the full moon and see our parks in a new light. This is a great family night out doing something fun. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Fri June 21st 8:30-9:30pm  
Free Fort Clifton Park

## Youth & Teen Fun:

### Imagination Thu's

Recommended for Grades K-5. 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.

#### Theme: Boats

Thu July 11th. 5:30-7pm.  
Thu Aug 22nd. 5:30-6:30pm.

#### Theme: Towers.

\$3/Child Senior Center

### Critters & Crafts

Recommended for Grades K-2. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us as we learn about new critters through arts, crafts, activities 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.

#### Ocean Pals

Tu June 25th 5:30-7pm.  
Library.

#### Pollinator Pals

Mo Aug 26th 5:30-6:30pm  
Senior Center.

### Artistic Adventures

Recommended for Grades 6-8. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us for a creative evening! Work on various projects from painting canvases and totes. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

#### Paint & Sip (Canvas, Wooden Figure or Ceramic Piece)

Mo Jul 15th 5:30-7pm.

#### Tote Decorating

Mo Aug 19th 5:30-7pm.  
Senior Center

### Pirates Ahoy

Recommended for Grades K-5. Calling all pirates, join us for an evening of hunting treasure. Learn if you have what it takes to be a pirate or not. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

#### Pre-Registration required.

Thu Aug 8th 5:30-7pm.  
\$5/Child. Fort Clifton Park

### Rec'N'Roll Into Summer

Grades K-8

Join us for this mobile recreation program where we bring the fun to you. Recommended for children Grades K-8. No evening program on Wednesdays.

**Must pre-register for each session** – day and times. Activities include board games, arts and crafts, group games, pick-up sports, and more! **Weather permitting.**

Mo 6/17-7/29 9:00am-12:00pm  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
White Bank Park

\$5/session  
Tu 6/18-7/30 9:00am-12:00pm  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Flora Hill Park

\$5/session  
Wed 6/19-7/31 9:00am-12:00pm  
Lakeview Park

\$5/session  
Thu 6/20-8/1 9:00am-12:00pm  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
White Bank Park

\$5/session

## Active Lifestyles:

### Archery

Recommended for ages 10+. NASP certified instructors will teach the basics of target archery, including range safety and proper technique. Participants will learn to shoot compound bows in a

controlled environment. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

#### Pre-Registration required.

Tue Aug 27th 6-8pm.  
\$20/Participant Fort Clifton Park

### 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 6/6-6/27 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Thu 7/4-7/25 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Thu 8/1-8/29 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
\$30 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 Tue.*

Tue 6/4-6/25 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Tue 7/2-7/23 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Tue 8/6-8/27 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 6/4-6/25 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Tue 7/2-7/23 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Tue 8/6-8/27 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
\$30 Lakeview Elem. Gym

### Fitness Warriors -Overflow with Ebo

Ages 13+

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

Mon 6/3-6/24 6:00 p.m.  
Mon 7/1-7/29 6:00 p.m.  
Mon 8/5-8/26 6:00 p.m.

FREE Community Center

### Fitness Warriors – Juju's Fit Fix

Ages 13+

We have partnered with Sports backers to bring you this FREE and fun fitness class on Thu evenings. A 60 minute light and

fun cardio class to get the heart rate going and the body moving to some great music.

Thur 5/16-5/30 6:30 p.m.  
 Thur 6/6-6/27 6:30 p.m.  
 Thur 7/11-7/25 6:30 p.m.  
 Thur 8/1-8/29 6:30pm

**FREE** Community Center

## Preschool Fun:

### Summer Bash

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us in celebration of the start of summer! We will make crafts, read a book and play in sensory bins! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

**Pre-Registration required.**

Mon June 3rd 11am-12pm.

**Free** Library

### Mini Pirates

Recommended for ages 3-5. Ahoy mates! Join us for this fun pirate themed program where we will hunt for treasure, make a craft and more! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

**Pre-Registration required.**

Mon June 24th 11am-12pm.

**Free** Fort Clifton Park.

### Mini Scientists

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us in conducting some experiments. This explosive program will feature some simple STEAM activities that will pique curiosity. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

**Pre-Registration required.**

*Please note, there will be no live animals.*

Thu July 18th 11am-12pm.

**Free** Library

### 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! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

### Ocean Friends

Mon Aug 12th 11am-12pm.

**Free** Library

### Sensory Storytime

Recommended for ages 2-5. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us for a story time and sensory play in this new program! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided.

Participants must provide their own transportation.

Fri Aug 23rd 11am-12pm.

**Free** Library.

### Preschool Rec'N'Roll

Ages 3-5

Join us for this preschool version of the mobile recreation program where we bring the fun to you. Recommended for children ages 3-5. **Must pre-register for each session.** Activities include board games, arts and crafts, group games, pick-up sports, and more!

Weather permitting.

Fri 6/21-8/2 10:00am-12:00pm

\$5/session White Bank Park

## 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 Wed Classes

5:30-7pm Unless otherwise noted.

Colonial Heights Community Center.

\* Indicates the program will run from

5:30-7:30pm

Jun 5: Bingo .....FREE

\*Jun 12: Chili Pepper Game..... \$5  
 (We'll meet at gates @5:45pm)

Jun 19: ..... NO TR

\*Jun 26: Summer Kickoff Party.....FREE

Jul 3: ..... NO TR

Jul 10: Open Mic Night .....FREE

Jul 17: Music TR.....FREE

Jul 24: Game Night .....FREE

Jul 31: Library Night (at library) .....FREE

Aug 7: Bingo .....FREE

Aug 14: STEAM Night.....FREE

Aug 21: Campout.....FREE

(Camping themed night)

Aug 28: Restaurant Night .....FREE

CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA...



## OFFICE ON YOUTH

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.

The Office on Youth participates in the **Virginia State Parks Youth Conservations Corps Day Program** each July and August. We are currently recruiting youth crew members aged 14-17 from Colonial Heights. During this three-week program, youth will gain on-the-job training, complete environmental projects, and participate in environmental education. Each project assignment will primarily focus on State Park trail management and restoration. The program will begin July 22nd, 2024 and end on August 9th, 2024. At the end of the three weeks, each participant will receive a stipend. However, to receive the stipend you must attend all 15 days. Applications are due May 24th, 2024.



Youth Advisory Council

## JOIN YAC!

We are currently accepting applications.

- Receive Volunteer Hours
- Participate in Team Building Activities
- Give Back to the Community
- Partner with the City of Colonial Heights
- Receive incentives for active attendance and new membership (Gift-Cards/Member of the Month Awards)
- Meet like minded individuals

**JOIN NOW** →











### **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 MON at noon from September through June.

### **Violet Bank Stitchers From The Heart**

This group meets at Violet Bank Museum every Tues 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.

### **"If This Tree Could Talk"**

Costumed Revolutionary War Era Interpreters will be reading "Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and The Marquis de Lafayette" and afterwards, your child may select a book to take home with them to foster a love of history and reading. Also, there will be opportunities to color and play on the beautiful grounds of Violet Bank Museum. Please bring a bagged lunch and a drink to enjoy under the branches of the Cucumber Tree. This program is free and suitable for reading aged children and their parents or guardians, but you **MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO THE EVENT**. Please register for this online at the Colonial Heights Recreation & Parks website, deadline to register Wednesday July 24, or until filled, limited spots available.

ation & Parks website, deadline to register Wednesday July 24, or until filled, limited spots available.

Sat July 27 11:00am-1:00pm

Violet Bank Museum

**RAIN DATE:** Sat Aug 3 11:00am-1:00pm

### **National Night Out at Violet Bank**

Once again the grounds of Violet Bank Museum will be the neighborhood host site for National Night Out. Please mark your calendars and come out to meet your neighbors, local law enforcement, fire & EMS and various City Officials. This is an old-fashioned potluck meal so bring your favorite side, dessert, appetizer, drinks, or even chips and dip. The Museum Staff will be manning the grill, cooking up some tasty hotdogs. Hotdog buns, condiments, ice, cups, napkins, plates and plastic ware will be provided. Plenty of room for the kids to play safely, while the adults catch up on things. Please call (804)520-9395 with any questions.

Tue Aug 6 5:30pm-8:30pm

Violet Bank Museum

**RAIN DATE:** Thu Aug 8 5:30pm-8:30pm



The Senior Center is located at the Community Building at 157 Roanoke Avenue. It is open MON through Fri, 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 MON-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (With services being provided from 8:15a.m. to 3:45 p.m.) and Sat (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.

### **Riverside Theater 2024 Trips**

Depart center at 10am – return approx 6:30pm

Cost: \$99 per show

(includes transportation, lunch, show & gratuity)

*\*Tips have already been added to your trip price but feel free to tip more if you choose\**

Contact the Senior Center at (804)520-9220 to register. Trips fill quickly, so register early.

### **The Wizard of Oz**

(Wednesday, June 12)

We're off to see the Wizard! This timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz – has been charming audiences for generations.

### **Clue on Stage**

(Wednesday, July 24)

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well...dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the count stacks up.



Join the Colonial Heights Public Library for the 2024 Summer Reading Program "Adventure Begins at Your Library". This summer, the library will be featuring so many WONDERFUL adventures for the whole family to enjoy! Virtual reality, animal encounters, magic and so much more is waiting for you to discover! The program will run from June 24th through August 7th. Please visit the library's website or stop in for more information. **ADVENTURE AWAITS!**



# Seniors Calendar

## MONDAY

8:30am ..... Muscles in Motion  
 9:30am ..... Tai Chi  
 9:30am ..... Bowling (League Fee)  
 10:30am ..... Strength & Stretch  
 11:00am ..... Pickle Ball  
 (Swift Creek Baptist Church)  
 11:30am ..... Line Dancing  
 12:30pm ..... Pinochle  
 1:30pm ..... Chair Volleyball  
 4:00pm ..... Scrapbooking

## TUESDAY

8:30am ..... Drum Fit 45  
 9:00am .. Tap Dancin' Grannies (Post 284)  
 9:30am ..... Yoga Core  
 10:30am ..... Sit & Let's Get Fit  
 11:00am ..... Water Aerobics \$ (SYC)  
 11:20am ..... Meditation & World Religion  
 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  
 10:00am ..... Balance  
 11:00am ..... Line Dancing  
 11:00am. .... Pickle Ball  
 (Swift Creek Baptist Church)  
 12:00pm ... Lunch & Learn (must register)  
 12:00pm .. 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  
 (St. Ann's)  
 9:30am ..... Yoga Warrior  
 10:00am ..... Coffee Break  
 10:30am ..... Sit & Let's Get Fit  
 11:20am ..... Meditation & Movement  
 12:00pm ..... Lunch (\$-must register)  
 1:15pm ..... Senior Citizens Club Mtg.  
 (4th Thursday at Golden Corral 11:30am)  
 1:30pm ..... Open Paint Friday

## Friday

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

# Colonial Heights Police Department

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Get to know your neighbors and get to know the members of the Colonial Heights Police Department at each location!

Interested in becoming a host? Simply scan the QR code below to email Master Officer Andrew Barnhouse with your host information or call (804)520-9318



## FOOD FUN GAMES



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

August 6, 2024

5:30PM-8:30pm

Various locations throughout the city!

## CRIME SOLVERS

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT  
 AGAINST CRIME  
 5K RUN



## SAVE THE DATE

October 5, 2024

7:00PM

White Bank Park  
 400 White Bank Road, Colonial Heights

Help build awareness to the  
 Chesterfield County/ Colonial Heights  
 Crime Solvers Program

## Colonial Heights /CVWMA

### What is Bulky Waste?

**Bulky Waste is ANYTHING that doesn't fit in the trash cart such as:**

- Bagged Leaves & Yard Waste (Must be bundled/cut to 4ft length and weigh less than 65 lbs)
- Furniture
- Appliances
- Extra bags of trash.



### What is **NOT** Bulky Waste?

Items that will **NOT** be collected as Bulky Waste include:

- Construction Waste (Lumber, wire, sheetrock, bricks, shingles, pipes, concrete, paving material, et.)
- Tires
- Car or Lithium Batteries
- Hazardous Waste
- Loose Trash

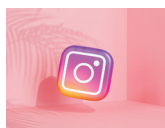


### How to schedule Bulky Waste Services?

If your Bulky Waste items will fit in the bed of a FULL-SIZED pickup truck, and you wish for your items to be collected for the next REGULAR trash collection day then: Visit [CVWMA.com/ch-trash-service](http://CVWMA.com/ch-trash-service) or call 804-340-0900 to schedule your FREE Bulky Waste Collection.

ALL requests must be made prior to 2pm the day before regular trash collection.

Any larger loads will be considered **SPECIAL BULKY WASTE** and will cost \$125 to remove. You must request this service and pay this fee prior to receiving this service.



Colonial Heights

We Want to connect with you in new ways!

Did you know you can find us, follow us, and Connect with us on  
**FACEBOOK YOUTUBE INSTAGRAM**

# LET'S GET SOCIAL!!!



It's the longest day  
of the year, make  
time to PLAY!

**06.20.24**



### Community Center

- 8:30am - Cardio Ball
- 9:30am - Yoga Warrior
- 6:00pm - Belly Dance
- 6:30pm - Fitness Warriors

### Ft. Clifton Park

- 6:30pm - Creatures of the Night

### Shepherd Stadium

- 2:00pm - Kickball (Civic Field)
- 4:00pm - Flag Football (Civic Field)

### Lakeview Park

- 11am-3pm - Paddle Sports with RVA Paddlesports
- 1:00pm - Pickleball

### Violet Bank Museum

- 10:00am - Butterfly Pollinators

### White Bank Park

- 5:30pm-8:00pm - Disc Golf

All listed programs  
presented **FREE** of  
charge. No  
registration  
required



# Back to School HYPE NIGHT

**FRIDAY AUGUST 16th**

**6pm-10pm (schedule below)**

**Shepherd Stadium - Residents Only**

**FREE ENTRY | FOOD | DRINKS | FUN | GAMES**

**6-7pm - School Supplies, Food, Vendors**  
**7-9pm - Games & Activities**  
**9-10pm - Lights Out (Glow Fun)**

**Must Pre-register for school supplies on Recreation Website**  
**[www.colonialheightsva.gov/1017/Recreation-Parks](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/1017/Recreation-Parks)**  
**Limited supplies available**

Made with PosterMyWall.com

## VA State Parks YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS DAY PROGRAM

**July 22, 2024 - August 9, 2024**

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

Youth Conservation Corps Day Program at Pocahontas State Park is a three-week program where participants complete environmental projects, experience on-the-job training, and gain environmental education. Project assignments primarily focus on State Park trail management and restoration. Transportation and lunch provided daily.

### OPEN APPLICATIONS!

Applications are available at the Office on Youth department in City Hall. Applications are due **May 24, 2024**

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Yvette Hawthorne  
(804) 520-9289  
[Hawthorne@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:Hawthorne@colonialheightsva.gov)

**AGES 14 & UP!**

(Must be age 14 by June 1, 2024)

## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

**Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10:00am**

### City War Memorial

Sponsored/hosted by:

**American Legion Post 284 and VFW Post 2239**

Event is located on the Boulevard directly across from the Courthouse/Inclement Weather location will be at American Legion Post 284, 505 Springdale Avenue.

Light lunch to follow ceremony at the legion.

**2024**

## ELECTIONS

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024  
PRIMARY**

(EARLY VOTING BEGINS MAY 3RD UNTIL JUNE 15TH)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024  
GENERAL ELECTION**

(EARLY VOTING BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20TH UNTIL NOVEMBER 2ND)

**ALL COLONIAL HEIGHTS REGISTERED VOTERS MAY  
VOTE EARLY AT CITY HALL**





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.



Choose  
**COLONIAL HEIGHTS**

For more information call: (804)898-3002

THE YEAR OF COSMIC BASEBALL



2024

-OPENING DAY (MAY 23RD)

-FIREWORKS (MAY 25TH)

- WORLDS FIRST COSMIC GAME (JUNE 1ST)



# 4th of July FIREWORKS

THURSDAY JULY 4TH 2024  
SHOW STARTS AT 9:15PM

Viewing for the Fireworks will be off Interstate 95, Exit 53 or 54 in the the Southgate Square/Wal-Mart area. Bring blankets and/or lawn chairs.

RAINDATE  
JULY 5th

For more information call  
804 520 9390

Made with PosterMyWall.com

## CITY FOCUS

City of Colonial Heights  
Office of the City Manager  
Post Office Box 3401  
Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834-9001  
[www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov)

PSERT STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S.POSTAGE

\*\*\*\*\*ECRWSS\*\*\*\*

Local  
Postal Customer