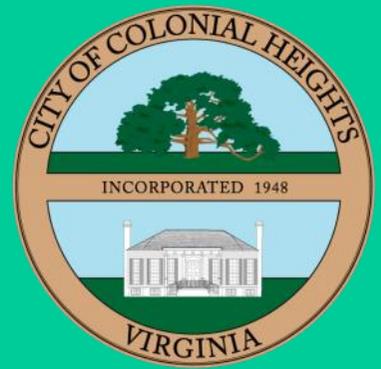


# The City Focus



Official Newsletter for the City of Colonial Heights

Fall 2018



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## COUNCIL COLUMN

**W. Joe Green**  
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This past summer has been eventful. Besides the annual Operating and Capital Improvements budgets, many other exciting new events have transpired. These are just a few:

- Colonial Heights was previously selected by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) as the preferred alternative for a Tri-Cities Area Multimodal Train Station. Council, at its July 10, 2018 regular meeting, approved two resolutions authorizing the submission of grant applications for both federal and state funds. Additionally, Council unanimously approved the location of the Tri-Cities Area Multimodal Train Station in Colonial Heights. This proposed station could provide many direct positives for businesses along the Boulevard corridor, as well as indirectly throughout the City. It could well attract other businesses to consider Colonial Heights as a location, which would be new city revenue not from citizen/residence-based taxes. A next step in the process would be for the FRA to issue a further determination regarding the proposed site here. We will keep you posted.
- Ribbon Cuttings for the new North Elementary Media Center and Middle School Cafeteria.
- Historic markers have been posted identifying the Chesterfield Highlands Historic District (est. 1916) and the Violet Bank Historic District (est. 1908) on the south side of Colonial Heights. Both of these Historic Districts have been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior. This qualifies residents in these subdivisions for tax relief for improvements and renovations that preserve the architecture of their homes. This effort has been accomplished mostly through the diligence and tenacious efforts of our very own resident and involved citizen, Ms. Mary Ann Hamilton.
- Violet Bank was awarded a grant from the Cameron Foundation for an analysis of the work needed to identify the cause of structural issues and to properly repair and restore the facility with projections regarding technique and costs. The recommendations were thoroughly documented and presented to Council at their July work session. Council and staff will continue discussion regarding the approach for moving forward with renovations.
- Resurfacing of the Boulevard between Newcastle Drive and Yew Avenue. This work was performed during the night hours.
- Another successful Fort Clifton Festival thanks to the efforts of City staff, vendor participation, and attendance and support of the community.
- New business openings and renovations included: Harbor Freight, Longhorn Steakhouse, SRMC Emergency Care Center, and the renovation of WaWa and McDonald's on the Boulevard.
- Businesses approved for the near future include Swedish-owned fashion retailer H&M, coming to Southpark Mall and a Marriott TownPlace Suites to be constructed in the vicinity of Charles Dimmock Parkway.

As the summer closes and the fall activities and events come upon us, let us remember those who have gone before us and their efforts that left us this wonderful community. We will not all agree on everything all the time, but as we continue to communicate and work together; we can strive to keep our City updated, operating "in-the-black" and a great place to raise a family. I close with one of my favorite quotes:

*"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."*

- Bill Keane



<b>Sept 3</b>	<b>City Holiday - Labor Day</b> Trash & recycling delayed 1 day
<b>Sept 4</b>	<b>Planning Commission (tentative)</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>City Council Regular Meeting</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>City Council Special Meeting</b> 6:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Planning Commission (tentative)</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>City Holiday - Columbus Day</b>
<b>Oct 9</b>	<b>City Council Regular Meeting</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>City Council Special Meeting</b> 6:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Oct 25</b>	<b>Economic Development Authority Meeting</b> 8:00 am - Council Chambers
<b>Nov 7</b>	<b>Planning Commission (tentative)</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Nov 12</b>	<b>City Holiday - Veterans Day</b>
<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>City Council Regular Meeting</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>City Council Special Meeting</b> 6:00 pm - Council Chambers (tentative)
<b>Nov 22&amp;23</b>	<b>City Holiday - Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>Christmas Parade</b> 7:00 pm on the Boulevard
<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>Planning Commission (tentative)</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers

## City Starts Fiscal Year 2018-2019 with Smaller Budget

The General Fund budget for the City's current fiscal year (FY19), which began July 1, is actually a decrease of just over 1% from the budget adopted for fiscal year 2018 (FY18), which ended in June. The \$56.5M FY19 budget was adjusted downward to reflect actual revenue collections in several of the City's largest revenue sources, which include meals tax, personal property taxes, sales taxes, lodging taxes, and business licenses. Real estate taxes, which are the City's largest source of revenue, continue to be strong, as property values have increased an average of 3% in the last two years.

Fortunately, the budget reduction will not have a significant impact on City services. An outstanding bond was paid off resulting in a \$400,000 debt service savings to the City for FY19. This, and multiple other adjustments within the budget, ensured that core programs and most citizen services would be preserved despite tighter revenues.

The City's budget has five different funds, the largest of which is the general fund, which provides for all city services except water & sewer utilities, stormwater management, capital projects, and special recreation activities, which each have their own separate fund. Within the general fund budget, the largest category of expenditure is the City's support of the school system, which is budgeted at \$21.1M.

## Fee Adjustments Effective in July

As part of the budget process for FY19, City staff proposed several fee adjustments that were effective in early July. Many of these fees had not been adjusted in years, whereas others were found not to be covering the City's cost of services. The following fees have been changed:

- Deposits for new water/ sewer service in rental units: \$150  
*(Note: deposits are applied to the final bill or returned once service is cancelled)*
- Connection fees for new water/sewer accounts \$25
- Administrative fees for reconnection of water \$50
- Payment extension fee \$10
- Returned check fees \$50
- Grass cutting for code enforcement cost + \$30 admin fee
- Certified Massage Therapist Permits \$200

Many utility rates, which include the rates for water, sewer, solid waste, and stormwater fees, also increased in July and will be effective for July and August billing cycles. Rate adjustments continue to be necessary to cover the City's costs of providing services, including the rates charged to the City for bulk water, wastewater treatment, and garbage collection. State and federal mandates in the areas of stormwater management are requiring the City to invest in infrastructure changes to meet these mandates. For questions about Utility fees call (804)520-9288.

## On the Cover...

Shown on the cover is DJ, one of our Therapeutic Recreation (TR) program participants. He was participating in our monthly music therapy session with Healing Sounds Music Therapy, who conducts a class every 2nd Wednesday of the month at our TR program night. Our TR program meets every Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm at the Colonial Heights Community Center.

**FROM THE BILLING &  
COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

**FALL 2018**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**November 1, 2018**

2019 Colonial Heights DOG and CAT tags are now on sale. A valid rabies certificate and document whether the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered must be presented. All tags must be purchased by January 31, 2019 to avoid a 25% late fee charge.

**November 15, 2018**

The 2nd half of 2018 Real Estate Taxes are due. In order to avoid penalty and interest, these taxes must be paid by this date. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from any late charges. Please mail or bring your bill with you when making payment.

**December 5, 2018**

The 2nd half of 2018 Personal Property Taxes are due. In order to avoid penalty and interest, these taxes must be paid by this date. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from any late charges. Please mail or bring your bill with you when making payment. Please pay all Personal Property taxes by the due date to avoid a Vehicle Registration Stop being placed at DMV.

The DROP BOX is also available for all payments. If you prefer to pay by credit card, you may visit the City website at [www.colonialheightsva.gov/epayments](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/epayments). If receipt is needed, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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

Mail to:

City of Colonial Heights  
Billing & Collections  
P. O. Box 3401  
201 James Ave.  
Colonial Heights, VA 23834-9001

**cgi COMMUNICATIONS**

**STUDIO**

**FILM**

**VIDEOS TOPICS:**

- Welcome
- Shopping and Dining
- Recreation, Events and Activities
- Education and Quality of Life

The City of Colonial Heights is excited to announce a new partnership with CGI Communications, Inc. to create a series of professionally produced online videos to highlight what our community offers residents, visitors, and business owners.

**STAY TUNED**

These new and exciting videos will be available soon through our website:  
[www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov)

## Want to Learn More About How the City Operates? Apply Now 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 8:00 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.

# NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

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On the Ballot for City of Colonial Heights:

**United States Senate:**

- Corey A. Stewart - R
- Timothy M. Kaine – D
- Matt J. Waters - L

**House of Representatives, 4<sup>th</sup> District:**

- Ryan A. McAdams – R
- A. Donald McEachin – D
- Peter J. “Pete” Wells – L

**Proposed Virginia Constitutional Amendments:**

- Questions on Property Tax Exemptions

**City Council (3 seats):**

- John E. Piotrowski
- E. “Betsy” Gentry Luck
- John T. Wood

**School Board (2 seats):**

- J. Chris Kollman III
- Krishan M. Agrawal

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Write-ins are permissible for all offices.

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Last day to register to vote or to update voter information is  
October 15, 2018.

Absentee voting begins September 21, 2018. A request for an absentee ballot to be mailed must be made by October 30, 2018. In-person absentee voting will be available through Saturday November 3, 2018.

Election Day polls open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please bring photo ID with you when voting. To check your registration status, please go to [www.elections.virginia.gov](http://www.elections.virginia.gov) 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, for voting information.

## Communicating During a City Emergency

Colonial Heights Fire, EMS and Emergency Management have several methods of communication with our Citizens during significant emergencies such as thunder storms, tornadoes, hurricanes or other widespread events. While Social Media has become one of our primary methods for immediate communication we realize not everyone has that capability.

We would also like to encourage all citizens to sign up for our **CIVICREADY** Notifications. This system allows us to telephone citizens in case of an emergency situation such as an evacuation, contaminated water, weather events, missing persons, hazardous chemical spill, etc. This system is capable of dialing the entire City within minutes and delivers a message describing the situation to you. The message will be informational and could include instructions requiring immediate action.

To sign up for **CIVICREADY** Notifications you can register @ [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov). Click on the **CIVICREADY** icon which is located at the bottom, right side of the screen.

Finding information during an emergency:

**Facebook:** Colonial Heights Fire, EMS & Emergency Management

**Twitter:** @ColHtsEmergMgmt

**Citizen Assistance Line:** (804) 520-9266

## Colonial Heights Seeking Community Input for Re-branding Project

The City of Colonial Heights is seeking community input for a potential re-branding process to include suggestions for a City tagline/slogan and logo. To participate in this survey, please visit the following website, or scan the following QR code for easier access to this survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P98QVSM>

If you submit a Tagline/Slogan and/or a Logo that is selected to be used, you will be recognized by City Council at a Regular Meeting.

Thank you for your participation and community input!



**Are you interested in working at the polls as an Officer of Election?**

*Responsibilities include attending a training session, reporting to assigned polling place at 5:00 am on Election Day, working well with other officers, effectively assisting voters, and accurately completing paperwork after polls close.*

**For further information, please contact the General Registrar's office at 804-520-9277.**

# COLONIAL HEIGHTS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

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

P.O. Box 3401 / 901 Meridian Avenue

Colonial Heights, VA 23834

[www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks)

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



## YOUTH BASKETBALL

### REGISTRATION

Ages: 5-15 (as of 1/1/2019)

Registration for 2018 youth basketball leagues will begin on October 1, 2018. The deadline to register is November 2. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Practices begin will begin in November. Fee: \$20 until November 2; \$30 after November 2 and as space permits, children registered after November 2 may be placed on a waiting list.

#### Coed:

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

#### Boys:

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

#### Girls:

Minor League ages 9-11  
Junior League ages 12-14

*\*Girls age 15 may play in our Boys U15 League*

## YOUTH WRESTLING

### REGISTRATION

Ages: 1st-7th Graders

Registration for youth wrestling will begin on October 1, 2018. You can register at Shepherd Stadium during regular office hours, M-F 8am-5pm. You can also register at the Colonial Heights High School Cafeteria on October 10th and 17th from 6:00-7:30pm. The deadline to register is October 26. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Practices will begin in November.

Fee: \$40; checks made payable to Colonials Youth Wrestling.

*\*Fee includes uniform*

## FALL YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Ages 9-15

This program teaches the fundamentals and provides organized team play for local area youth. Participants will need to provide their own equipment. Registration for the 2018 Fall Field Hockey season will end on August 24th. Practices will begin in August. Practice days and times will vary depending on the number of teams.

Fee: \$50

## REGISTER BY MAIL

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

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

## REGISTER IN PERSON

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

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

## REGISTER OVER THE PHONE

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

## REGISTER ONLINE

To register online, please visit us online at [www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks) and click the Recreation Programs link.

## AFTER HOURS DROPBOX

We have a Drop Box for after hours collection of registrations, payments and uniforms; located in front of the Community Center at 157 Roanoke Ave. Checks only, please do not place cash in the dropbox.

## 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.*

## FALL ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages 16+

Colonial Heights Recreation Department is accepting registration for all divisions for their 2018 Fall Softball League. League will include a round-robin regular season (depending on number of registered teams), postseason double elimination tournament, team and individual awards, umpire association team registration, and umpire fees. League play is tentatively scheduled to begin in early-September. Limited openings, first to pay=first to play.

Fee: \$400 (Payable to City of Colonial Heights)  
Deadline: 8/24/18

Teams must be available to play any weeknight. Teams must supply game balls. Balls must be USSSA Classic M or USSSA Classic M Plus.

## FALL YOUTH SOCCER

Ages: 6-18 (as of 9/1/2018)

Registration for 2018 Fall youth soccer leagues is underway at [www.colonialheightssoccer.com](http://www.colonialheightssoccer.com). Players from all localities are welcome for an additional \$5 per player fee. All games and practices will take place at the Soccer Complex behind the Colonial Heights Library. 1st time registrants are required to show proof of age. You must register by September 1st to guarantee a spot on a team and to receive a uniform if needed. Practices will start the week of Sept 10 and games will be played on Saturdays Sept 22-Nov 10. For more information email [chsainformation@gmail.com](mailto:chsainformation@gmail.com).

Fees: \$40; ages U5-U10  
\$60; ages U12  
\$70; ages U14-U18  
\$160; all Cross-Association ages

*Registration fees include the uniform.*

## CONNECT WITH REC & PARKS

ON  
SOCIAL  
MEDIA...



[www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks)  
to view info on our parks & facilities.

## FALL YOUTH VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

Ages 6-15

The Youth Volleyball League is designed to teach boys and girls the fundamentals of Volleyball through league play. The league emphasizes sportsmanship, skill development and teamwork in a safe and fun learning environment. Practice days and times will vary depending on the number of teams.

Fee: \$40

Divisions:

U8 (Instructional), U12 (Minors), U15 (Juniors)

## QUICK START TENNIS

Ages 3-10

Quick Start Tennis is a format to help kids learn and play the game. Everything has been kid-sized: racquets, courts, nets, and special low-compression balls slow things down and decrease bounce heights. Quick Start also includes age-appropriate instruction, fitness and conditioning activities to improve agility, balance, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and footwork. Kids learn while they're playing, and best of all, they're having fun!

Tu 9/11-10/9 6:00pm-7:00pm  
\$20 Ettrick Park

## READY, SET, RUN

Ages 6-13

Ready, Set, Run! is a character-building running program that trains kids to participate in a 5K run. In addition to running, the program offers participants an opportunity to learn about and take part in things such as healthy eating habits, positive goal setting, wellness development & much more!

Tu/Th 9/6-10/18 6:00pm-7:15pm  
\$50/\$40 add'l sibling Lakeview Elem. Gym

*Fee includes entry in the Ashland Harvest 5K event on Oct. 20. More details available during program about the race.*

## LITTLE TYKES ALL-STARS

Ages 3-5

The Little Tykes All-Star Sports program focuses on teaching the skills and techniques need to play baseball, basketball, soccer, football, and tennis. Whether your child is experiencing these sports for the first time or enhancing his or her existing skills, kids will have a BLAST in this fun

Th 9/13-10/11 6:00pm-7:00pm  
\$20 Ft. Clifton Park

## LITTLE TYKES BASKETBALL

Ages 3-4

Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks will provide a new way to interact with your toddler. Little Tykes Basketball will provide a weekly opportunity for children between the ages of 3 and 4 to learn some basics of the game of basketball. The activity will provide a great environment for your toddler to learn basic skills and have fun learning something new.

Th 1/10-2/7 6:00pm-7:00pm  
\$20 North Elem. Gym



## MESS MAKERS

Ages 2-5

Mess Makers, a program designed for young ones to get down and dirty with different sensory objects, textures and smells. Children are able to squish and squeeze different materials with parents while also expressing their imaginations. Parents are encouraged to participate with their little one!

Th 10/4-10/25 10:00am-11:00am  
\$20 Community Center

## OKINAWAN KARATE

Ages 5-17

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

Mo/We 9/10-11/19 5:00pm-6:00pm  
\$80 Lakeview Elem. Gym

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT w/ BRICKS 4 KIDZ

Ages 5-13

Each month the Recreation Department will be hosting Bricks-4-Kidz, an organization that provides educational Lego activities. Each month will be a different theme and Lego activity will be presented to the group. 5 year olds must be accompanied by an adult.

Fr 9/21 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Fr 10/19 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Fr 11/30 6:00pm-7:30pm  
\$10 Community Center

## SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Ages 2-8

Join Santa and his elves to decorate Christmas cookies and do a Christmas themed craft. Christmas tree lighting to follow the workshop at 6:00pm.

Sa 11/24 4:30pm-6:00pm  
\$10 Colonial Heights Courthouse

\*Parents are more than welcome to take pictures of their children with Santa

## YOGA IN THE PARK

All Ages

Featured in White Bank Park FREE Yoga class lead by Hope Helton-Lynch, E-500RYT, owner of Yoga One. This class is appropriate for all levels and beginners are encouraged to attend. The practice will be accentuated by being in nature. Bring a yoga mat or a large towel. Donations are welcome!

Sa 9/8 11:00am-12:00pm  
Sa 9/15 11:00am-12:00pm  
Sa 9/22 11:00am-12:00pm  
Sa 9/29 11:00am-12:00pm  
FREE White Bank Park

## BELLY DANCING

Ages 13+

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

Mo/We 9/6-9/27 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Mo/We 10/4-10/25 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Mo/We 11/1-11/29 6:00pm-7:00pm  
\$30 Community Center

## FAMILY NIGHT PUMPKIN CARVING

All Ages

Join us for some family fun at the Colonial Heights Community Center on Monday, October 29th from 6:30pm-8pm for our first family pumpkin carving night. All of the pumpkins, tools and decorations will be provided and each pumpkin cost \$5.00. Let us worry about the mess! Families are encouraged to preregister but cash or check payments will be accepted at the door. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children!

Mo 10/29 6:30pm-8:00pm  
\$5 Community Center

## BUILD A CAR MOVIE NIGHT A NIGHT OF RECYCLING

All Ages; Ages 5 & under must have a parent

This one day event will give your child the opportunity to build a car from recycled products! There will be a ton of different materials for people to use to build their very own car. We will have staff on-site to lead a discussion about different recycling techniques and uses. Once we build our cars there will be a movie showing of Cars 2 for everyone to watch in their home-made cars. We will also be serving hot coco! Each kid costs \$5.00. You may preregister for this event- cash and checks will only be accepted at the door.

Fr 11/2 6:00pm-9:00pm  
\$5 Community Center

## Trips

### HOLLYWOOD CASINO

Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, located in scenic Charles Town, West Virginia, is your destination for world-class casino gaming and entertainment, award-winning dining and the thrills of live and simulcast thoroughbred horse racing all year round. Play your favorite games, earn Marquee Rewards® comps and points, dine in your choice of fine or casual restaurants. \$20 Comp play. No stops, lunch on-site.

Mo 10/15 9:00am-9:00pm  
\$48 Leave Community Center at 8:45am

### HAUNTS OF RICHMOND GHOST TOUR

Birthplace of the American Revolution, and home to a notorious Civil War spy, Church Hill's colorful past has produced a cadre of restless spirits in its buildings, its graveyards, and under its streets! Cloaked in the shadows of the quaint and historical Church Hill neighborhood, this tour includes the following spirited tales: Crazy Bet's stomping grounds, Poe's first and last love, the oldest public cemetery in Richmond, and more...

Fr 10/26  
\$15 Leave Community Center at 6:45pm

### CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA...



# Therapeutic

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

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

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

### Volunteers Wanted

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



### FALL CLASSES (ALL AGES) - COMMUNITY CENTER

We	9/5	Creative Arts	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	9/12	Healing Sounds Music Therapy	\$10	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	9/19	Animal Therapy	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	9/26	Bricks 4 Kidz: Legos!	\$10	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	10/3	Adaptive Exercises	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	10/10	Healing Sounds Music Therapy	\$10	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	10/17	Animal Therapy	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	10/24	Halloween Party	\$5	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	10/31	No Class - Halloween in the Park		
We	11/7	Game Night & Social Hour	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	11/14	Healing Sounds Music Therapy	\$10	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	11/21	No Class - Holiday		
We	11/28	Sensory Stimulation: What are you building	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm

## Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce 2018 Turkey Trot

November 22nd - 9:00am

Call (804)526-5872 or Register at  
[www.colonialheightschamber.com](http://www.colonialheightschamber.com)



## RIVERSIDE THEATER FREDERICKSBURG, VA

For the following performance, we will depart from the Senior Center at 10:00am and return back to the center at approximately 6:30pm. Price includes transportation on vans, ticket to show, and lunch. Sign up early, limited tickets!

### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

A beautiful young woman takes the place of her imprisoned father in the castle of a beast, who is really a cursed prince. She teaches him to be courteous and respectful, and they fall in love, in this stage adaptation of the animated Disney film, based on the classic fairy tale.

We 10/24 10:00am-6:30pm \$64

### ROCKABILLY CHRISTMAS

Returning to our stage for a limited time, Todd Meredith and his band The Rave-Ons celebrate the holiday season with high-energy performances of Buddy Holly's greatest hits along with those class rock 'n' roll Christmas songs everyone loves like Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, Jingle Bell Rock, Blue Christmas, and Run, Run, Rudolph.

We 12/5 10:00am-6:30pm \$64

### LA CAGE AUX FOLLES

Jerry Herman's musical, based on the French play of the same name, is the story of a flamboyant gay couple who must pretend to be straight for one night – with one of the men in drag – to dupe the conservative political family of their son's fiancée.

We 2/6 10:00am-6:30pm \$64

### THE COLOR PURPLE

With a soul-raising score of jazz, gospel, ragtime and blues, The Color Purple gives an exhilarating new spirit to this Pulitzer Prize-winning story.

We 4/10 10:00am-6:30pm \$64

## JAMES MONROE HIGHLANDS TOUR & CARTER MOUNTAIN ORCHARD

Join us as we explore the fascinating life of the tireless public servant who fought in the American Revolution, negotiated the Louisiana Purchase, pushed the Missouri Compromise through Congress, secured our nation's borders, and issued our first foreign policy statement: The Monroe Doctrine. Then we will go to Carter Mountain to pick some fresh apples along with a Bold Rock tasting. Price includes admission and transportation.

We 9/19 8:45am-4:00pm  
\$34 Leave from Community Center

## CLEVELAND, OH

4 Days and 3 Nights. Join us as we tour one of the most acclaimed cities in America. You will visit the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame, tour the city via Lolley the Trolley, and take a cruise about the Nautica Queen for a sunset dinner.

Tu-Su 7/16/19-7/19/19  
\$650 Double  
\$800 Single



### SENIOR CENTER

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

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

### SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

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

Effective July 1, 2018: Services have been expanded to include adult special needs or handicapped City residents under 60.

Effective August 1, 2018: Hours have been expanded to 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays (With services being provided from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Service will be available only to Colonial Heights residents who are at least 60 years of age, and adult special needs or handicapped Colonial Heights residents.

Transportation will be available to and from any Colonial Heights destination. Also, for medical appointments only to and from Petersburg, Hopewell and the Puddledock Road area of Prince George County. Registration for services is required and is available by calling Senior Transportation at (804)520-9219.

Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance. There are no fees for transportation services, but donations are accepted.

## SAVANNAH, GA

4 Days and 3 Nights. Join as we tour one of the most beautiful cities in the world! You will be taken on a guided tour of historic Savannah, the Mercer- Williams House, Savannah History Museum, Old City Market, and Savannah's River Street District.

Tu-Fr 4/9/19-4/12/19  
\$515 Double  
\$625 Single

## ACTIVITY & FITNESS MONTHLY CLASS SCHEDULE

### 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*)  
1:00pm Adult Coloring  
4:00pm Beginners Sewing (*sign-up \$12*)

### Tuesday

9:00am Yoga  
9:30am BP Screening (*3rd Tue*)  
10:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit  
11:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit  
11:00am Bunco  
12:00pm Duplicate Bridge  
12:00pm Lunch (*pre-register with CDAAA*)  
1:00pm Bingo  
1:30pm Water Aerobics (*Hopewell CC-\$2*)  
3-6pm Quilts for Vets (*Last Tue*)  
3:00pm Open Sew (*1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues*)

### Wednesday

8:30am Muscles in Motion  
10:00am Strength & Stretch  
10:00am Crochet & Knitting Group  
11:00am Line Dancing  
11:00am Pickle Ball (*Swift Creek Baptist*)  
12:00pm Party Bridge  
4:00pm Beginners Sewing (*sign-up \$12*)

### Thursday

9:00am Yoga  
9:30am Sing-A-Long  
10:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit  
11:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit  
11:00am Game Day  
12:00pm Lunch (*pre-register at Senior Center*)  
12:45pm BP Screening (*1st Thur*)  
1:15pm Senior Citizens Club Mtg.  
2:00pm Watercolor

### Friday

8:30am Muscles in Motion  
10:00am Strength & Stretch  
11:00am Pickle Ball (*Swift Creek Baptist*)  
1:00pm Scrabble  
1:00pm Computer Class (*sign up*)  
5:30pm Open Paint  
7:00pm Senior Dance (*2nd Fri - \$6*)

## NEW STITCHERS PROGRAM AT VIOLET BANK MUSEUM

Violet Bank Stitchers From The Heart will be meeting every Tuesday from 10am-12pm and also on the last Saturday of every month from 1pm-3pm. Violet Bank Stitchers From The Heart will gather together to crochet, knit, or sew for those in need. There are plenty of items needed, so you can pick a project and get started. Completed items will benefit our community and beyond to include The James House, Colonial Heights Food Pantry, Brighter Living, and Southside Regional Medical Center, just to name a few.

This group will be part of From The Heart; a 501c3 non-profit organization that was incorporated in 2005. To learn more about From The Heart, visit their website at <http://www.fromtheheartstitchers.org> or check them out on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/FromtheHeartStitchers>.

## CELEBRATE SAFE COMMUNITIES

Crime prevention has become a major concern in many neighborhoods across America, and Colonial Heights is no exception. In response, every year our city participates in Celebrate Safe Communities Night. In prior years, we have had over 25 host sites throughout the city and would like to increase that number with your involvement. We invite you to get involved and be a neighborhood host on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** This is an evening where your neighbors are invited to gather in fellowship at a certain location in your neighborhood, at which time Colonial Heights Police Department officers will stop by and share what's going on in the neighborhood and provide crime prevention tips. Event hosts will be notifying their neighbors by delivering flyers. Very often, hosts even sponsor a cookout where everyone brings a dish. Information on how to start a Neighborhood Watch will also be available at each event location.



For a complete listing of the events, please view [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov) closer to the date. If you are interested in hosting a Celebrate Safe Communities event in your neighborhood, please contact Career Officer Scott Whirley at 804-520-9318, or at [whirleys@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:whirleys@colonialheightsva.gov)



### CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The Utility Division of the City of Colonial Heights Department of Public Works will be testing and flushing **FIRE HYDRANTS** throughout the City starting **August 20, and continuing through October 27, 2018.**

*The City will be divided into four sections. The sections and dates are as follows:*

**SOUTHEAST SECTION:** August 20, through September 5, east of I-95, from ELLERSLIE/YACHT BASIN, SOUTH, TO E. ROSLYN RD. Including Newcastle and Old Town Subdivisions.

**NORTHEAST SECTION:** September 6, through September 22, east of CSX RR, from ELLERSLIE/YACHT BASIN, NORTH, TO SWIFT CREEK. Including Dunlop Farms Subdivision.

**NORTHWEST SECTION:** September 23, through October 10, west of CSX RR, from NORTH CITY LIMITS, SOUTH, TO OLD TOWN CREEK.

**SOUTHWEST SECTION:** October 11, through October 26, west of I-95 from OLD TOWN CREEK, SOUTH, TO ARCHER AVE.

Please mark the date on your calendar when Fire Hydrant flushing is planned in your area. The dates above are subject to change due to emergencies or adverse weather conditions.

You may experience some discolored water between these times, if this should happen, first run the cold water in your bathtub for about 15 to 20 minutes, if your problem does not clear up within this time period please contact the Utilities Division 520-9393 between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. After hours or weekends call the Police Department 520-9300 and they will dispatch Utility personnel to your home or business.

## Fall Programs at Colonial Heights Library



The Colonial Heights Public Library will be offering its fall story time sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. beginning on September 18 and ending on December 5.

Each session includes stories, music, lots of movement and a craft. Story hours are a wonderful way for children to gain important prereading skills, to learn to socialize with other children, and to begin a lifelong love of books and reading. This is a family story hour, and all ages are welcome. No registration is necessary. A parent or caregiver must attend with the child.

Additionally, our *Babies & Books* program will be offered on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. This storytime is for babies from six months old to toddler age. Each child and caregiver shares their own copy of the book that is being read aloud by the presenter. Age-appropriate music, rhymes, and movement activities are a major part of the storytime. No registration is necessary. A parent or caregiver must attend with the child.

The Colonial Heights Public Library will once again be teaming with the *Clever Canines Book Buddies* to offer individual reading sessions for children in elementary school. Each child can reserve a 15 minute time slot to enjoy reading aloud to one of the friendly and gentle therapy dogs. Sessions take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Registration begins two weeks before the start of each program.

For questions about any of the programs, please contact Chantal Emerson at [emersonc@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:emersonc@colonialheightsva.gov), or by phone at (804) 520-9384.

City of Colonial Heights

5th Annual

# Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday November 24th

4:30-6:30pm

Courthouse

550 Boulevard

Featuring

**Santa's Workshop**  
4:30pm (\$5)

Must pre-register

**Live Entertainment**  
6pm

**Tree Lighting**  
6:30pm



For more information or to register for Santa's Workshop contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 520-9390.

## PUBLIC NOTICE



CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

**CITY DECAL**

**NO LONGER REQUIRED**

At its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 the Colonial Heights City Council voted to repeal the City Ordinance requiring the display of a city vehicle license decal.

Please Note: Citizens are still required to register any newly purchased or acquired vehicles with the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office within 30 days of acquiring them. Vehicles no longer owned and changes of address should also be reported to the Commissioner's Office.

For additional information regarding this change, please contact the Commissioner of Revenue at (804)520-9280.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

**SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CANS AND CONTAINERS TO BE LOCATED BEHIND THE FRONT PLANE OF A RESIDENCE/BUSINESS:**

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, the Colonial Heights City Council approved Ordinance No. 18-25. Under this ordinance, solid waste and recycling cans shall be placed behind the front plane of the residence or business (behind the front of the house/building), except from noon of the day before collection until 7:00 pm the day after collection.

Note: Violations will be subject to enforcement following a transitional period and an upcoming revision to the penalty provision (An additional public notice will be issued).

# HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

**Wednesday  
October 31st  
6:00-8:00 PM  
Flora Hill Park**

Food & Drinks Face Painting Children's Games

Wear your costumes and bring your trick or treat bag!

**FREE CANDY**

# City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade

**2018 Theme**



The **66th Annual Christmas Parade** – a longtime Colonial Heights tradition - will occur on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 7:00pm** on the Boulevard, starting at Temple Ave and concluding at the Colonial Heights Courthouse. Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 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 2, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (804) 520-9390.

We are also accepting sponsorships for the 2018 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.

## Important City of Colonial Heights

### Phone Numbers

Police/Fire Emergency	Dial 911
Police/Fire Non-Emergency	(804)520-9300
Recreation & Parks	(804)520-9390
Office on Youth & Human Services	(804)520-9286
Colonial Heights Health Department	(804)520-9380
Utilities Billing	(804)520-9288
Billing & Collections	(804)520-9320
Planning & Community Development	(804)520-9297
Curbside Trash Collection	(804)425-0500
Curbside Recycling Collection	(804)340-0900
Circuit Court	(804)520-9364
General District Court	(804)520-9346
Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court	(804)451-0213
CH Recycling Center	(804)479-7056

*(Household Hazardous Waste & Other Materials)*

**Call US**

## THE CITY FOCUS

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