

THE CITY FOCUS

Summer 2013

Holidays Now Observed for Trash Collection

To avoid future confusion on this matter, the City and its service provider – CFS – have mutually agreed to delay trash collection on most holiday weeks by one day. Below is a list of holidays for the remainder of the year that will be effected for both trash and recycling collections.

<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Trash Collection</i>	<i>Recycling Collection</i>
July 4th (Thursday, July 4, 2013)	Wednesday, July 3, 2013	Saturday, July 6, 2013
Labor Day (Monday, September 2, 2013)	Thursday, September 5, 2013	Off Week
Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28, 2013)	Wednesday, November 27, 2013	Off Week
Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25, 2013)	Thursday, December 26, 2013	Off Week
New Years' Day (Wednesday, January 1, 2014)	Thursday, January 2, 2014	Saturday, January 4, 2014

House Numbers

Does your house have a house number?



Did you know that it is a requirement for your house to have a house number? City Code requires the following:

- ☆ The numbers shall be conspicuously placed on, above or at the side of the main entrance door so that the number is plainly visible from the street.
- ☆ Whenever a building is more than fifty (50) feet from the street or when the entrance is not visible from the street, the number shall be placed at the walk, driveway or other suitable location that is easily discernible from the street.
- ☆ House or premise numbers shall be in Arabic numbers and shall be not less than three (3) inches in height and of a durable and clearly visible material.
- ☆ The numbers shall be of a high-contrasting color with the surface upon which they are placed and may be placed in either horizontal or vertical order.

Back to School Festival

Thursday, August 8

White Bank Park

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Rain date is August 15th

Colonial Heights Residents Only! Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks in conjunction with several businesses, city departments and civic organizations will hold the 6th Annual Back-to-School Festival.

Activities include: face painting, balloons, Crafts, moon bounce, spin art, and Carnival games. Prizes include: school supplies, treasure chest, and certificates to local businesses.

FREE Back to School Festival t-shirts to the first 100 students to attend! Pre-register to eliminate long registration lines and to receive a pre-registration prize. Parents can purchase extra items for a nominal fee.

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS



Gather the family, grab a blanket and spend Saturday nights watching movies under the stars on a 26-foot screen in Shepherd Stadium.

Saturday, August 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Movie: To be determined

Fee: \$2.00 Adults
\$1.00 children under 12

Doors open 45 minutes prior to Show Time. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the gate. Cash only at the gate. Advance Ticket packages: \$15.00; includes 4 admittance tickets, 4 hotdogs, 4 drinks, & 1 popcorn. No outside food or beverages. Concessions available for purchase. Please see the city's website at www.colonialheightsva.gov or call 520-9390 for more information.

What to bring:

- Blanket/pillow to lie on or chair to sit on.
- Blanket to wrap up in. It may get quite chilly at night!
- Items to pass the time: card games or book.
- Umbrellas if light rain.

July 4th Fireworks



**Rain Date:
July 5th**

The City of Colonial Heights will sponsor a fireworks display on Thursday, July 4th in the vicinity of Charles Dimmock Parkway in Colonial Heights.

Fireworks will start at approximately 9:15 pm. Viewing for the fireworks will be off Interstate 95, Exit 53 or 54 in the Southgate Square/Wal-Mart Area.

Bring blankets and/or lawn chairs.

For more information, please contact the Colonial Heights Recreation & Parks Department at (804) 520-9390.

Special Operations Unit



In November of 2012, Colonial Heights Police Department put into action a newly formed Special Operations Unit. This unit consists of three officers and a supervisor who are tasked with providing another dimension of service for our community by utilizing diverse policing tactics. Their efforts are often covert and proactive in nature. They attack identified problems within the community, with a focus on drugs and other vice-related criminal offenses. Since its inception, the Special Operation Unit officers have affected arrests for a myriad of offenses, including possession and distribution of a wide range of illicit drugs, weapons violations, alcohol violations, prostitution, robbery, larceny, and traffic offenses. In addition to their aggressive enforcement efforts, this group of officers can also be found participating in a variety of community events.

The Colonial Heights Police Department has a goal of providing excellent public safety services, with a focus on teamwork, education and enforcement. We are proud to implement our Special Operations Unit within our City.

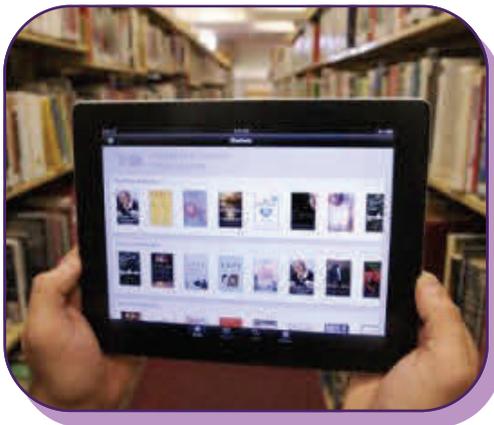
FY2013-14 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

On May 14, the Colonial Heights City Council gave final approval to the *FY13-14 Annual Operating Budget* for all city funds.

Including funding for CH Public Schools, total appropriations for all services and operations for the next fiscal year is \$74.4M.

A complete copy of the Budget and the City Managers' Budget Message is available at City Hall or can be viewed online at www.colonialheightsva.gov.

eBook Collection Now Available at the Public Library



The Colonial Heights Public Library launched its new eBook collection on April 10, and residents can access the collection by downloading the "3M Cloud Library" app from the App Store or Google Play. The app requires answering a few brief questions including the library card number, and residents can start browsing the online shelves of new titles for an easy checkout within minutes.

The collection includes a full range of fiction and non-fiction eBooks for all age groups and interests, and can be downloaded from anywhere including the beach, family room or doctor's waiting room.

The service supports iPads, iPhones and Android devices and Nook tablets. Please contact the library staff at 520-9384 if you have questions.

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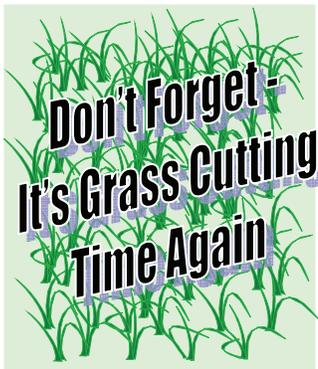
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2013-14 CDBG Emergency Home Repair Program Applications will be Available June 1st

Applications for the 2013-14 CDBG Emergency Home Repair Grant will be available beginning June 1, 2013 and will be accepted through June 30, 2013.

A grant of up to \$8,000 is available for owner-occupied households to assist with specific home repairs or activities that eliminate conditions detrimental to the safety and health of the residents. Homeowners must meet income eligibility guidelines based on HUD requirements.

Eligible activities or repairs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- faulty roofs,
- unsafe electrical, heating or plumbing systems,
- faulty porches and steps, and
- accessibility improvements.



The program is available citywide; however, priority will be given to households in the Violet Bank-Flora Hill and Shepherd Stadium districts. Priority will also be given to low-income households, persons who are elderly or disabled, first-time applicants and those that need repairs that constitute an emergency.

Applications will be available at the Welcome Desk and the Planning Department on the first floor of City Hall located at 201 James Avenue. Applications will also be available on the City's website at www.colonialheightsva.gov/planning, or by calling 804-520-9382.



CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in City of Colonial Heights Water

Why are you receiving this notice?

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 26 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during May 2013. Two of our samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may do so.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect total coliform bacteria in any sample, we perform additional testing on that sample to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **The additional testing on these samples did not find any of these sewage bacteria.**

What happened? What was done?

We are taking steps to eliminate bacterial contaminants from the water system and are collecting additional water samples.

For more information, please contact Mike West at (804) 520-9372.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Colonial Heights water system.

State Water System ID# 3570150 Date distributed: _____



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2012

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:

<http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1061>

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.