

The City Focus

Official Newsletter for the City of Colonial Heights



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COUNCIL COLUMN

Where does all the money go?

Have you ever wondered where all the money the city collects from real-estate, personnel property, sales, food and lodging tax goes?

This year City Council approved the FY14-15 city budget which was approximately \$75 million dollars.

I'm sure your first thoughts are...wow, that is a lot of money! Is it? The overall funding of \$75 million dollars can be misleading, so let me help explain.

The City's budget can be broken into five colors of money, or in other words, five separate funds. Each fund represents a specific purpose in operating and supporting our city, which has a population of approximately 17,000 people. The overall budget is constructed by the City Manager and his staff using a "zero based" budgeting approach. This approach requires senior leaders throughout the city government, including department heads and city council, to review and provide input on new and existing programs, operations and services for the city. Departments start their individual budgets at zero dollars and add programs/services that they feel are necessary for its operation in the upcoming year. In formulating the budget, city leaders must take into consideration the projected estimated revenue that should be generated throughout the fiscal year.

What are those five funds and how are they funded?

General Fund- the cost associated with running the day to day operations of the city. Expenses such as salaries of city employees, services provided by the fire and police department, building maintenance, service vehicles, etc. Funds to support the General Fund come mainly from taxes which include – personal property, real-estate, food, lodging and retail sales. However, it is important to note; the total revenue generated from these taxes is not available for the city general fund. Currently, 50.7% of the total amount collected is given to the Colonial Heights School system for their budget. Therefore, 49.3% (\$33.6 million) from the general fund revenue is available to be used in the operation of the city budget.

School Fund- the cost and expenditures associated with the operation and service of the school system. The city transfers 50.7% of the revenue collected from personal property, real-estate, food, lodging and retail sales to the School system, who then manages and maintains their own operating budget. This is a unique agreement between City Council and the School Board. Other funding received by the school system comes from state and federal sources. The city portion to the School Fund is \$36.3 million.

Recreation Fund- the costs associated with running athletic leagues (such as football, basketball etc.), community events, youth sports programs, adult classes (such as art, dance) etc. The majority of funds to support the Recreation Fund comes from fees charged to participate in any of the programs. The budget for the Recreation Fund is \$0.17 million.

The next two funds are often referred to as Enterprise Funds. In other words, they are funds that are self-supporting and are not subsidized by tax payer's dollars. These funds are supported solely by participating residents only and the cost of the service is paid 100% by participants.

Stormwater Management Fund- the cost associated with services and programs (some being mandated by state and federal agencies) to properly channel and protect properties from stormwater "runoff" resulting from rain and melting snow. These services and programs are funded through a flat rate and is assessed on a homeowner's bi-monthly utility bill. The budget for Stormwater Management Fund is \$0.55 million.

Water and Sewer Fund- the cost associated with providing water and sewer to residents and businesses throughout the city. Funds to cover these services are directly tied to usage and are applied to each residence or business on their bi-monthly utility bill. To ensure this fund is self-supporting, there are times when rate adjustments are required to offset unexpected costs (e.g. replacing water lines) associated with providing a high level service to our residents. The budget for this fund is \$4.4 million.

The Annual Budget development process begins in January of each year and culminates with presentation of the proposed annual budget to City Council in April. Then, over the next couple of weeks, City Council conducts public work sessions that are open to the public. I strongly encourage you to get involved in this process!

Greg Kochuba, Councilman
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Dates of Interest

Dec 2	Christmas Parade 7:00 pm - Boulevard
Dec 3	Planning Commission No Meeting
Dec 16	Council Meeting 5:30 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 25	City Holiday - Christmas
Dec 26	City Holiday - Christmas
Jan 1	City Holiday - New Year's Day *Recycling Delayed 1 Day
Jan 6	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Jan 13	Council Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Feb 3	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Feb 3	Council Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers

On the Cover...

This photo was taken at the Colonial Heights Jaycees annual Christmas Parade in 2013 and is courtesy of the Progress-Index. The City of Colonial Heights will have it's annual Christmas Parade this year on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

For more information see page 3 or contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 520-9390 or visit the Christmas Parade website at:

www.colonialheightsva.gov/ChristmasParade



Parade Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Theme: "Home for Christmas"

Parade Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

This year's 62nd Annual Christmas Parade – a longtime Colonial Heights tradition – will occur on **Tuesday, December 2** on the Boulevard. Originated in 1953 by the Colonial Heights Optimist Club, the nighttime parade is a unique event that draws people from all over the Tri-Cities area. Since 1961, the parade has been organized by the Colonial Heights Jaycees - making the parade a true community event. Beginning this year, the City of Colonial Heights is assuming management of the Annual Christmas Parade.

Among city staff, the primary coordinator of this year's Parade will be the Recreation & Parks Department. All inquiries regarding the Parade should be made through the Department by calling (804) 520-9390 or by emailing christmasparade@colonialheightsva.gov.

This year the parade will begin at the Temple Ave and Boulevard intersection and continue south on the Boulevard ending at the Colonial Heights Courthouse. The Boulevard will be closed southbound at Lakeview Ave and two lanes will remain open northbound from Temple Ave. For more information on this year's route please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (804)520-9390.

Thank you to the following businesses and/or organizations for sponsoring this year's Christmas Parade:

Santa's Elves Sponsors



Open 7 days. Just walk in.



BUY-SELL-TRADE-REPAIR
790 Southpark Blvd. Ste. B
Colonial Heights, VA 23834
(804)715-9450

**Swift Creek Federated
Woman's Club**



**Recreation & Parks
Department will host
2015 Babe Ruth 16-18
year old Southeast
Regional at Shepherd
Stadium**

The Colonial Heights Recreation & Parks Department is excited to announce that Shepherd Stadium has been selected to host the 2015 Babe Ruth 16-18 Southeast Regional Baseball

Tournament
at Shepherd
Stadium in
late July of
2015.



John Armentrout, the Assistant Commissioner for Babe Ruth's Southeast Region, which comprises the Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, thanked the City of Colonial Heights for hosting the Region's 2015 16-18 Year-olds baseball tournament. He added that "Shepherd Stadium provides a superb venue for this event, complemented with the City's many years of experience in hosting tournaments for baseball players from youth leagues to Babe Ruth District and State tournaments to college teams. Armentrout, who resides in the Greater Richmond area, said that "the visiting teams and their fans are in for a special treat with everything that Colonial Heights offers on and off the field" and that "there are sure to be great memories for the players and their families as the 16-18 Division enters its 50th year in 2015!"

A message from the Treasurer's Office

The 2nd half of Personal Property taxes are due on 12/05/2014.

New dog and cat tags go on sale 11/01/2014, and are due by 02/01/2015. If you do not have a 2015, 2016, or 2017 tag for your pet, please make sure to take care of this. It is a great way to identify and have your animal returned, if they should ever get loose. 1, 2, and 3 year tags are available, depending on the expiration date of the pet's rabies vaccination.

Please remember that Colonial Heights does require a City decal for cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers. This is a permanent decal, it does not need to be replaced once you have purchased. If you have recently purchased a vehicle, or currently own a vehicle that does not have a decal, please contact us at (804)520-9320 for pricing and further assistance.



A Note from the Commissioner of Revenue's Office

The City of Colonial Heights does have a vehicle registration fee and decal. All motor vehicles and trailers must display that decal within 30 days of moving into the City or upon purchasing a vehicle. Bring your **permanent** state registration to the Commissioner of the Revenue Office in City Hall to register your vehicle and purchase your decal. This is a permanent decal that remains on your vehicle as long as you own it or until you move out of the City. Also, keep in mind that DMV does not tell us about vehicles you may no longer own or that you recently purchased. Call or come by our office to advise us of any such vehicles or trailers so that we can update your personal property records. This also pertains to boats and personal watercraft. Be sure to advise the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries that you have sold, traded, salvaged or purchased any such watercraft. Call 520-9280 with any questions.

State and City code state that if you operate or conduct business in the City, you must have a City Business License. Having an unstaffed office with signage constitutes conducting business in the City and requires a business license **here**. **If you are conducting business in the City and do not have a business license, please be aware that State and City Code classify this violation as a Class I Misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$2500 fine and up to 12 months in jail or both.** Come by our office in City Hall and we will be happy to talk to you about your particular circumstances. You may also call us at 520-9280 if you have any questions.

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

Recreation and Parks Office	(804)520-9390
Recreation and Parks Fax	(804)520-9203
Senior Activities & Classes	(804)520-9220
Senior Transportation	(804)520-9219
Teen Center	(804)524-8717
Weather Cancellation Line	(804)524-8788
Violet Bank Museum	(804)520-9395



Sports & Athletics

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 and click the register online 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.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The City accepts Cash, Check, money order and major Credit Cards. Discover card not accepted at this time. Please make checks payable to: "City of Colonial Heights". \$35 fee may apply for returned checks

CONNECT WITH US...



ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages 16+

Registration is currently being accepted for the Men's Open Leagues & Church Leagues for the 2015 Spring/Summer Adult Softball Leagues. Registration Deadline for the Spring/Summer season will be Friday, March 13, 2015.

Fee: \$600 (Payable in two checks - \$300.00 to City of Colonial Heights and \$300.00 payable to, VA USSSA

Primary Game Nights:

Church Divisions – Tue & Thur nights

Men's Division – Mon, Wed & Thur nights

Game nights are subject to change based on the number of teams registered. Teams must be available to play any weeknight. Teams must supply game balls. Balls must be USSSA Classic M or USSSA Classic Plus.

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Ages 14+

Colonial Heights Recreation will be offering a Co-Ed Volleyball League in the Spring of 2015. Registration for this League will begin in January 2015 and Deadline to Register a team will be April 3, 2015. Games will be played on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons at Tussing Elementary School Gym. Game schedule will be determined by number of teams entered in the league.

Fee: \$200 per team

YOUTH SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for 2015 youth soccer leagues will begin online November 1, 2014 at www.colonialheightssoccer.com. 1st time registrants are required to show proof of age. 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. There may be an additional \$25 fee for a uniform if you are a first time registrant. In-person registration will be accepted at the Colonial Heights Library on Sat, Jan 31 from 10am-2pm.

Practices will start the week of March 8th and games will be played on Saturdays beginning March 28th and ending May 16. For more information email info@rogerunderhill.com

Ages 14 and under

Su	12/7-12/28	1-3pm
Su	1/11-1/25	1-3pm
Su	2/1-2/22	1-3pm
FREE	CH High School Gym	

Ages 15+

Su	12/7-12/28	3:15-5:15pm
Su	1/11-1/25	3:15-5:15pm
Su	2/1-2/22	3:15-5:15pm
FREE	CH High School Gym	

Fees: \$30; ages U5-U8
\$50; ages U9-U11
\$60; ages U12-Teen

YOUTH TRACK & FIELD

Ages 7-14

Colonial Heights Recreation Department and Colonial Heights High School Track Team are offering a Track & Field Program. The program is designed to allow youth the opportunity to learn track & field events as well as practice the skills needed to become a successful track athlete.

Mo	3/9-4/27	5:30-6:30pm
\$20	CH Football Stadium	



ELKS HOOP SHOOT

Ages 8-13

The Elks Hoop Shoot is sponsored by the Petersburg Elks Lodge #237. In this program girls and boys will shoot 30 free throws and those with the most made in their age bracket have the opportunity to advance to district, regional and national Championship events. Registration for this event will take place on-site the day of the event.

Su	1/4	1:00pm
FREE	CHHS Gym	

Classes & Activities

OKINAWAN KARATE

Children's Class (ages 5-9)

The focus of this class is on respecting others, self control, self discipline, and avoiding confrontation. The Karate techniques that are taught begin with basics such as falling, tumbling, balance, flexibility, agility and coordination. Once a student is proficient in all the basics, they may move up to the next class. No class 1/19 or 2/16.

Mo/We	12/1-12/17	5:00-5:45pm
Mo/We	1/5-1/28	5:00-5:45pm
Mo/We	2/2-2/25	5:00-5:45pm
\$30	Lakeview Elem. Gym	

Youth/Teen Class (ages 10-17)

Children under the age of 10 may be moved up by the instructor. This class moves at a faster pace and more advanced techniques are taught. New students accepted in January, June and September for this class. No class 1/19 or 2/16.

Mo/We	12/1-12/17	6:00-7:30pm
Mo/We	1/5-1/28	6:00-7:30pm
Mo/We	2/2-2/25	6:00-7:30pm
\$40	Lakeview Elem. Gym	

ZUMBA

Ages 18+

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music. Dance themes are used to create a dynamic, exciting and effective fitness system! It is a mixture of body sculpting movements with easy to follow dance steps. The routines feature aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body.

Mo/We	12/1-12/15 (\$25)	6:00-7:00pm
Mo/We	1/5-1/28	6:00-7:00pm
Mo/We	2/2-2/25	6:00-7:00pm
\$30	North Elem. Gym	

CARDIO BLAST + STRONG

Ages 18+

The best of all worlds! Each month you will sweat with Zumba, Kickboxing, Strong, Tabata, and Hi-Lo Aerobics. Each Tuesday/Thursday is a new Cardio Fusion workout. This dynamic class provides one hour of sculpting abs, trimming the waistline, toning and strengthening the upper and lower body for the ultimate workout. Intensity level of each class ranges from medium to low to high...depending on your own personal challenge.

Tu/Th	12/2-12/18	6:30-7:30pm
Tu/Th	1/6-1/29	6:30-7:30pm
Tu/Th	2/3-2/26	6:30-7:30pm
\$30	Lakeview Elem. Gym	

Visit our website at
www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks
to view info on our parks & facilities.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS: CARTOONING PEOPLE AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Ages 6-10

Cool, Crazy and Outrageous! Do you have a great sense of humor? Learn to cartoon people; little, big, silly, crazy and more! Your lessons could include messy babies, whacky moms, lazy grandpas and kids playing sports. Create cool backgrounds, funny sounds and comic sequences. Funny expressions, some bizarre movements and crazy colors will bring your cartoons to life. Fun, laughter and learning guaranteed!

Tu	1/20-2/17	3:10pm-4:15pm
\$72	Tussing Elem. Room	

We		3:10pm-4:15pm
\$72	North Elem. Room	

Th	1/22-2/19	3:10pm-4:15pm
\$72	Lakeview Elem. Room	

YOUTH PAINTING CLASSES

Ages 8+

Learn to create a masterpiece from start to finish while learning the techniques of painting. Classes teach painting techniques through the use of various bases such as canvas, fabric, pots, wood, and glass as well as various mediums such as acrylic and oil. Fee includes all needed supplies. Class will not meet on 1/17.

Sat	1/10-1/31	10:00am-11:30am
\$40	Community Center	

Santa's Calling

December 16

or

December 17

(You choose which date works best)



Arrangements have been made for Santa to personally call each child ages 3-7. Santa will be making his calls in the evening from 6:00pm-7:15pm. A form will be distributed at each school for interested parents to complete and return back to the Recreation and Parks Department. Additional forms can be found at www.colonialheightsva.gov.

BRICKZ 4 KIDZ: TRANSPORTATION TIMELINE

Ages 5-13

If you like planes, trains and automobiles, then this unit is for you! Each week, students will build motorized models of a dragster, a railroad-crossing gate, an airplane and more. Explore the history of transportation from horse and buggy and trains to the development of the automobile and flight. Each lesson introduces terminology related to each mode of transportation, like "lift and propulsion" for the airplane, as well as describes how each "vehicle" works. And the best part is -- the models are so much fun to play with! Lots of building fun ahead with motorized models of a train, car, dragster and airplane.



Th 1/8-2/12 4:30pm-5:30pm
\$62 Community Center

BRICKZ 4 KIDZ: JUNIOR ROBOTICS

Ages 7-13

How would you like to turn your next LEGO® creation into a robot, programmed to do exactly what you tell it to do? The Bricks 4 Kidz® new Junior Robotics program offers all the fun of building with LEGO® bricks, PLUS the challenge of computer programming! Using drag-and-drop icon-based software, WeDo software provides an introduction into the world of computer programming and remote control robotics that will equip children to succeed in a technology-based marketplace.



Th 2/19-3/26 4:30pm-5:30pm
\$62 Community Center

BRICKZ 4 KIDZ: SPIN ART WORKSHOP

Ages 5-12

Spin art is a type of abstract art. Abstract art does not try to show people, places or things exactly as they look in the real world, instead, it uses colors and shapes to make a pleasing design, show feelings or create a mood. Bring your Jr. Engineer to build a motorized Spin Art Machine out of Lego Bricks and create their own abstract art. Students will build their own take home custom-made Minifigure from our Mini-figure Station.



Sa 1/31 10:00am-12:00pm
Sa 2/28 10:00am-12:00pm
\$20 Community Center

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S COURSE

Ages 11+

An American Red Cross Babysitting Skills Course is being offered to any interested middle/high school students. All participants, who complete the course satisfactorily, will receive an American Red Cross certification card. In order to receive this card, you MUST attend ALL classes and demonstrate certain skills to the instructor. NO TEST IS REQUIRED! The classes are fun, and include many "hands on" activities. Youth will learn about basic care, safe play, first aid, and responsibility. Price includes all materials.

Sa 1/10 9:00am-4:00pm
\$96 Community Center

YOUTH CHESS CLASS

Ages 7-11

Boys and girls have fun playing the game of chess and learning to be better players! Playing chess helps kids think more clearly, and improves math and reading skills. Classes include both instruction and play time. * Younger participants who have the knowledge and skills for this class can participate with Recreation staff permission. Save \$10 and register for both sessions for \$110.

Tu 1/6-2/10 5:00pm-6:00pm
Tu 2/17-3/24 5:00pm-6:00pm
\$60 Community Center

DRAWING CLASSES

Ages 8+

Make something great! Give your child a new way to see the world: through drawing! This class teaches basic drawing techniques aimed at helping youth interpret what they see. It covers contour, still life, gesture drawings and much more! Class teaches the foundations while emphasizing self-expression and experimentation. Price includes all needed supplies.

We	1/7-1/28	5:30pm-7:30pm
We	2/4-2/25	5:30pm-7:30pm
		\$40 Community Center

TOTS PLAYGROUP

Ages 3-5

This program is an interactive classroom experience that begins anew each week. It engages youth through the use of educational activities, crafts, sing-a-longs, circle time, special guests and trips. All enrolled youth must be fully potty trained to attend. Participants parents are encouraged to drop-off their child(ren) during program hours to allow participants to get used to a classroom setting. Participants will take a field trip on Fridays.

Mo/Th/Fr	12/1-12/19	9:00am-12:00pm
Mo/Th/Fr	1/5-1/30	9:00am-12:00pm
Mo/Th/Fr	2/2-2/27	9:00am-12:00pm
		\$35/week CH Library

May 22, 23 & 24, 2015

Friday—Saturday—Sunday

\$80.00 per day

ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED

Colonial Heights Senior Center

Colonial Heights, Virginia

\$50.00 deposit due at registration, balance due April 15, 2015

You may register by check, cash or credit card, checks made payable to the City of Colonial Heights. You may register at the Recreation/ Senior Center Department or by mail to P.O. Box 3401, Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834.

For more information call the Senior Center

Phone: 804-520-9220

E-mail: childersb@colonialheightsva.gov

CPR & AED: FOR THE COMMUNITY & WORKPLACE

Ages 16+

The community CPR and AED course teaches the basic techniques of CPR and the use of an AED. Students also learn about using barrier devices in CPR and giving first aid for choking. The course teaches how to recognize the signs of four major emergencies – heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, and foreign-body airway obstruction. *Health restrictions apply: if you have any of the following health issues you will be unable to participate in this class - breathing problems, heart condition or back problems. Price includes all needed materials.

Sa	2/21	8:30am-12:30pm
\$30	Community Center	

BASIC FIRST AID COURSE

Ages 16+

The First Aid course teaches lay responders the knowledge and skills necessary to give care in an emergency; help sustain life and minimize the consequences of injury or sudden illness until medical help arrives. *Health restrictions apply: if you have any of the following health issues you will be unable to participate in this class - breathing problems, heart condition or back problems. Price includes all needed materials.

Sa	2/21	1:00pm-5:00pm
\$30	Community Center	

The CPR/AED and Basic First Aid classes are provided by the Colonial Heights Recreation Department in conjunction with the Colonial Heights Fire & EMS Department.



For questions, contact the Recreation Dept. at 520-9390. Register for both classes and receive a \$10 discount.

CUTEST PET CONTEST

We are currently accepting entries for our Cutest Pet Contest. Please submit a copy of your cutest pet photo with a caption and your contact information. Entries can be dropped off at our office at Shepherd Stadium or mailed to Recreation & Parks, Cutest Pet Contest, PO Box 3401, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. Gift cards will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place. For more information contact us at 520-9390.

Deadline for submissions 12/5
FREE
Open to Colonial Heights residents only

*Please make sure to submit a copy of your favorite photo as not all photos will be returned.

Trips

RIVERSIDE THEATER FREDERICKSBURG, VA

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

THE MUSIC OF ANDREW WEBBER

Thrill to the signature songs from the most acclaimed musical theatre composer of the past five decades, with excerpts from Phantom of the Opera, Evita, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Starlight Express, Jesus Christ Superstar, Cats, Sunset Boulevard, Aspects of Love, and Requiem, delivered by a select ensemble of superb singer-dancers and award-winning actors. Artistic Director Patrick A-Hearn (an original member of the Michael Crawford cast) directs a powerful and sophisticated theatrical experience.

We	2/18	10:00am-6:30pm	\$60
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NINE TO FIVE (9-5)

Pushed to the boiling point at their workplace, three female co-workers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In an ingenious conspiracy to gain control of the company, the girls discover that there's nothing that they can't do, even in a late-1970s man's world. Adapted from the hit movie with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton.

We	4/22	10:00am-6:30pm	\$60
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Teen Center

TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center is located inside the Community Center at 157 Roanoke Ave. Participants must be City of Colonial Heights residents and eligible for enrollment at Colonial Heights Middle School or Colonial Heights High School. Admission to the Teen Center is FREE. Participants may bring a guest, but there is a \$5 charge for all guests.

The Teen Center features an Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and PlayStation 4, Wii, 3 big screen TVs, computers, arcade basketball and foosball. Contact the Teen Center at 524-8717 for more information.

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	3:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday	1:00pm-8:00pm
Sunday	Closed

DANCES FOR CHMS STUDENTS

Ages CHMS Students Only

Cost includes: Chaperones, DJ, Pizza & Drinks. All participants must have a Teen Center form on file to attend. Contact the Teen Center at 524-8717 for more information.

Fr	1/23	7:00pm-9:00pm
\$5	Community Center	



**Saturday February 20th, 2015
Richmond Coliseum — 2:00pm**

**Monster Jam, starring the biggest performers
on 4 wheels: Monster Jam Trucks! No transportation
provided. Call 520-9390 to get your tickets.**

Level 2 tickets: Adult \$21/Child \$7



Senior Center

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.

ACTIVITIES & FITNESS

CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday

8:30am	Muscles in Motion
9:30am	Tai Chi
9:30am	Bowling (<i>League Fee</i>)
10:00am	Strength & Stretch
11:00am	Interactive Watercolor Class
11:30am	Tennis or Table Tennis
2:00pm	Computer Class (<i>sign up</i>)

Tuesday

9:00am	Yoga
10:00am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:00am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
12:30pm	Duplicate Bridge
1:00pm	Bingo
6:00pm	Quilting

Wednesday

8:30am	Muscles in Motion
10:00am	Strength & Stretch
10:00am	Crochet & Knitting Group
11:30am	Wellness Wed (1st Wed)
1:00pm	Party Bridge
1:45pm	Walking Club
2:00pm	Painter's Group

Thursday

9:00am	Yoga
10:00am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:00am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
10:00am	Sing-A-Long
1:00pm	Couponing Class
1:15pm	Senior Citizens Club Mtg.
1:30pm	TRIAD (3rd Thurs)
2:00pm	Watercolor

Friday

8:30am	Muscles in Motion
10:00am	Strength & Stretch
12:00pm	AARP Luncheon (2nd Fri)
1:00pm	Computer Class (<i>sign up</i>)
2:00pm	Computer Class (<i>sign up</i>)
6:00pm	Oil Painting
7:00pm	Senior Dance (2nd Fri - \$6)

Saturday

9:00am	Splash of Color (3rd Sat)
9:00am	Oil Painting (1st Sat)

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Department operates 8am-4pm Monday-Friday, except City Holidays. Senior Citizens sixty (60) years of age or older that are City of Colonial Heights residents, needing transportation for medical, business, or personal reasons may obtain rides throughout the City of Colonial Heights. Transportation is provided to Petersburg, Hopewell and Fort Lee for medical appointments only. Vans are equipped with hydraulic lifts for wheel-chairs. Reservations must be called in 24 hours in advance of your appointment. Please call 520-9219 for further information.

Library

FAMILY STORYTIME

All ages

The Colonial Heights Public Library will be offering its winter/spring story time sessions and each session includes stories, music, lots of movement and a craft. Story hours are a wonderful way for children to gain important prereading skills, 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. Please call Chantal Emerson at 804-520-9384 with any questions.

Tu/We	12/2-12/10	11:00am
Tu/We	1/13-5/13	11:00am
FREE	Colonial Heights Public Library	

CLEVER CANINES

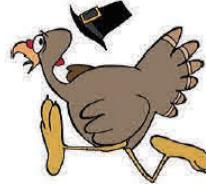
Grades 2-4

You can sign your child up to read to a therapy dog during a 15 minute individual session. Research shows that children who are learning to read feel more relaxed and less self-conscious when reading to dogs. This program aims to improve reading skills, nurture a lifelong love of reading, and help children build bonds with dogs. All dog and owner teams have successfully completed the AKC's Canine Good Citizen Test and the Therapy Dogs Incorporated Test and regularly visit nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Register at the library beginning two weeks prior to each date. Please call Chantal Emerson at 804-520-9384 with any questions.

Th	1/8	4:30-5:30pm
FREE	Colonial Heights Public Library	

TO BE GUARANTEED A T-SHIRT – BE
SURE TO REGISTER BY
NOVEMBER 20

Register online at:
colonialheightschamber.com



Colonial Heights Turkey Trot
November 27, 2014

5K Fun/Run and 1 mile Fun/Run/Walk
Run/Walk Begins 9:00 a.m. Same Day Registrations 7:30-8:30
Colonial Heights High School
3600 Conduit Road, Colonial Heights, VA 23834

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THEMED COSTUMES
AND HATS
ENCOURAGED.
SHOW YOUR
COLONIAL HEIGHTS
CREATIVITY.

Continue building a Fun Family Tradition on Thanksgiving Day
Celebrate Healthy Living in Colonial Heights
Help raise funds for Scholarships and other Special School Programs

ENTRY FEE: \$10 Payable to THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



What Does the Fire Department Do Besides Put Out Fires and Respond to Medical Calls?

- ◊ **Emergency Communications Center:** This division is responsible for co-ordinating all 911 calls, and non-emergency calls for police, fire, and EMS and handles after-hours calls for other City departments. The center also maintains a computer link with Virginia State Police and handles all court related files.
- ◊ **Fire Marshal's Office:** This office conducts construction review and works closely with the Building Official's Office. The Fire Marshal is responsible for all fire, arson, and explosive investigations, hazardous material response, and the inspection of City buildings for life safety and fire protection.
- ◊ **Emergency Management:** The Emergency Management Department oversees the City's role in natural or man-made disasters, writes and implements the City's Emergency Operations Plan and ensures City departments are prepared prior to an emergency with the knowledge, equipment and staffing to respond.
- ◊ **Public Education:** Our staff participates with churches, civic groups, and businesses throughout the City to provide fire prevention, injury prevention, and disaster response training. Each year during Fire Safety Month, Fire and EMS personnel visit the City's elementary schools and day care facilities to provide fire safety education.
- ◊ **Public Safety Training:** Various educational classes are offered to citizens to include CPR, Survivor Day, or Citizen Emergency Response training (CERT).
- ◊ **Public Services:** Colonial Heights Fire & EMS offers many public services free of charge to our citizens to include: smoke detectors to those that cannot afford them, changing smoke detector batteries, free home safety inspections, KNOX BOX installation (purchased by the home owner), child safety seat checks, fire station tours, public safety education programs, and CERT training.
- ◊ **Crater Hazardous Materials Team:** Our department is part of a regional response team for hazardous material spills throughout the Tri-Cities and Counties of Prince George and Dinwiddie. The team provides resources, and response to handle any chemical threats to the public and/or the environment.
- ◊ **Crater Regional Technical Rescue Team:** The members of the Tech Rescue Team are trained to safely, efficiently and effectively perform rescues in the event of emergencies that need specialized response such, swift water rescue, confined space rescue, trench/excavation rescue, and building collapse rescue, among others.
- ◊ **Child Safety Seat Checks:** Child passenger restraint requirements vary based on age, weight and height. Our personnel are certified in child safety seat installation and can help you make sure your seat is installed correctly. If you live in Colonial Heights call 520-9387 for an appointment.

SERVICE AWARD RECOGNITION



Each year, the City of Colonial Heights recognizes employees for their continuous years of City service through the Employee Service Award Program. We are proud to recognize this year's award recipients for their commitment to public service.

5 Years of Service



Pictured Left to Right: John Radcliffe, David Gallagher, Judy Newsome, Melinda Miller, Kenneth Frenier, Diane Yates
Not Pictured: W. Joe Green, Jr., Michael Rieves, Richard Scrivner

10 Years of Service



Pictured Left to Right: Ella Short, Christopher Wulff, Jason Chimera, George Schanzenbacher, Timothy Dodd, Jr., Donald Hannuksela, Mark Stewart, Troy Allen
Not Pictured: Lisa Briley & Charle Tanner

15 Years of Service



Pictured Left to Right: Wesley Scott, Jr. & Sophie Benkendorf
Not Pictured: Albert Covington, Brenda Santini, Barbara Woods

20 Years of Service



Pictured Left to Right: Stacey Peterson, Babette Hansen, Deborah Rose, Thomas Hoover

25 Years of Service



Pictured Left to Right: Linwood Harris Jr., Craig Skalak, Susan Redford, Joseph Boisseau



40 Years of Service



Pictured Left to Right: Dianne Piotrowski

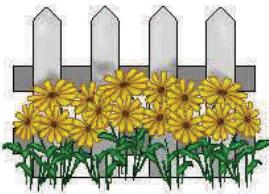
Showcase Your Garden in the Spring Garden Tour

The Colonial Heights Beautification Committee will be hosting a Spring 2015 Garden Tour. We are looking for City residents who would like to showcase their beautiful gardens. We know you are out there!

The date of the tour is Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be spent on Beautification projects throughout the City.

For more information please contact:
Jessica Sears Younce
Phone: 526-8541
Email: jjlcnsears@aol.com
or
Chris and Elaine Kollman
Phone: 526-1886
Email: kollman5@verizon.net

We will be finalizing our list of participants by December 15, 2014.



Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa's Workshop

Saturday, November 29

CH Courthouse

Workshop 5:00pm (\$5)

Tree Lighting 6:00pm

Join Santa and his elves to decorate Christmas ornaments, cookies and more while enjoying live Holiday music /dance performances.

A photographer will be taking pictures of your little elves with Santa and will have pictures for sale. Ornaments made during the Santa's workshop may be placed on the tree prior to the lighting.

Contact the Recreation and Parks office at 520-9390 to register your child for the workshop.



Stay Up to Date on Colonial Heights News and Information with "Notify Me"

Sign up for the "Notify Me" service on the City website to receive information about Colonial Heights. You choose what information you want to be notified about. Everything from Council Meeting Agendas to Road Closures or Bid Postings to City Events, you can select whatever you want with the click of a button. Visit www.colonialheightsva.gov to sign up, all you need is an email address.

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