

The City Focus

Official Newsletter for the City of Colonial Heights



Fall 2021



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COUNCIL COLUMN



Greetings fellow citizens of Colonial Heights!

Summer is my favorite season of the year, but with fall, we welcome new beginnings as children and faculty head back to school eager to accomplish new things. I am, personally, looking forward to greeting a new wave of students at Longwood University. Over the last couple of months, we have been able to return to our normal lifestyle as mask restrictions and social distancing regulations were lifted across the Commonwealth. Our youths have resumed participation in sports from swimming to baseball, and we enjoyed the celebratory fireworks for Independence Day.

The last year was certainly full of challenges. I am pleased to say that while we experienced a reduction last year in meals, sales, and lodging taxes due to shutdowns, our city was able to financially recover, and we look forward to a prosperous 2021-2022 year. The City of Colonial Heights' adopted budget for the 2021-2022 year resolved compression issues that several departments across the city have been facing, in particular our public safety to include Communications, EMS, Fire, and Police.

You may have noticed the closure of portions of Conduit Rd. as we made significant repairs to our infrastructure. We are continuing to make necessary repairs and plan to begin more proactive replacements across the city, such as replacing the main pump station valve and performing sewer replacements at Hill Place.

Our Capital Improvement Plan includes some of the following projects that may, also, affect our roads and traffic:

- Lexington Dr. outfall and storm sewer repairs
- Boulevard at Temple Ave. intersection improvements
- Boulevard at Westover intersection improvements
- Branders Bridge right turn lane extension
- Colonial Heights High School sidewalks, and
- Animal Shelter entrance improvements

We have a number of businesses coming to the city, such as Crumbl Cookies and Mission BBQ. Be on the lookout for food trucks, since the recent ordinance changes now allow business owners to apply for quarterly permits to have a food truck on their property. With the return to normal business operations, be sure to check out upcoming fall activities within our Recreation and Parks programs.

It has been an honor to serve you these last few months. Feel free to contact me with any comments or questions. I will always make time to hear your concerns and look for creative solutions as we, as a council, strive to ensure Colonial Heights is a great place to work, live, and raise a family.

In Your Service,

Dr. Laura F. Poe

On the Cover.....



Pickleball enthusiasts are enjoying the newest Pickleball Courts located at the Colonial Heights Middle School. Visit the Sports & Athletics section (Page 5) for information on upcoming Pickleball Clinics being offered. Thank you to Roger Underhill for this picture, as well as, for providing leadership to the local Colonial Heights Pickleball group. For more information about the Pickleball group visit and like their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/colonialheightspickleballclub

Sept 6	<i>City Holiday - Labor Day</i>
Sept 7	<i>Planning Commission</i> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Sept 14	<i>City Council Regular Meeting</i> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Sept 21	<i>City Council Special Meeting</i> 6:00 pm - Council Chambers (<i>tentative</i>)
Oct 5	<i>Planning Commission</i> (<i>tentative</i>) 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Oct 11	<i>City Holiday - Columbus Day</i>
Oct 12	<i>City Council Regular Meeting</i> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Oct 19	<i>City Council Special Meeting</i> 6:00 pm - Council Chambers (<i>tentative</i>)
Nov 3	<i>Planning Commission</i> (<i>tentative</i>) 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Nov 9	<i>City Council Regular Meeting</i> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Nov 11	<i>City Holiday - Veteran's Day</i>
Nov 16	<i>City Council Special Meeting</i> 6:00 pm - Council Chambers (<i>tentative</i>)
Nov 25&26	<i>City Holiday - Thanksgiving Holiday</i>
Dec 8	<i>Planning Commission</i> (<i>tentative</i>) 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 14	<i>City Council Regular Meeting</i> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 21	<i>City Council Special Meeting</i> 6:00 pm - Council Chambers (<i>tentative</i>)
Dec 23&24	<i>City Holiday - Christmas Holiday</i>

Emergency Communications Division

Say Hello to Cell Phone Sally

The Colonial Heights Emergency Communications division recently gained a new team member to help Public Safety teach the significance of knowing how to dial 9-1-1. Meet Cell Phone Sally. She's made the long journey from Texas to relocate to her new home in Colonial Heights. Cell Phone Sally even has her very own Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube channel. Her message is to encourage children and adults to verify their cell phone number, as well as identify landmarks when making a call to 9-1-1 on a cellular device. This way, she knows exactly where to send her Police, Fire, and EMS friends.



Cell Phone Sally loves nothing more than visiting local schools and daycares to teach kids how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency. She wants everyone to know what the Communications Officers will want to know when they call 9-1-1. Most importantly, know where you are; either the address, name of the business, or close-by businesses/landmarks so Sally can have her friends respond to aid you as fast as possible. Sally also wants everyone to know/verify their phone number, that way, if the line gets disconnected, someone can call you back if needed.

Cell Phone Sally similarly wants everyone to know that even if a cell phone is disconnected, you can still use it to call 9-1-1 to get the assistance you need. However, if a disconnected cell phone is used, Communications Officers are unable to use their extra tools to help locate you, which is why it is vital to know where you are.

What are these extra tools? Cell Phone Sally and her friends can use RapidSOS to assist in getting a general location for where you are. RapidSOS is a browser-based tool used to receive device location and additional data. Cell Phone Sally strongly encourages everyone to update their cell phone software, as this aids in getting a more exact location when you call 9-1-1. It is also important to know that if you dial 9-1-1 accidentally, it is ok, just don't hang up and let us know it was an accident. However, if you do, Sally will have her friends try to call you back to make sure everything is ok.

Cell Phone Sally is looking forward to settling into her new home and coming out to meet the citizens and guests of Colonial Heights. Sally and her friends will be out making public appearances soon, so if you see them, stop and say hello!

Public Library Meeting Rooms Now Available

The Colonial Heights Public Library has reopened its three meeting rooms for reservations. Non-profit clubs and organizations can now reserve the rooms by contacting Brooke Hopper at the Library.



Phone: 520-9384

hopperb@colonialheightsva.gov

The meeting room application form is available at:

[http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/236/
Public-Meeting-Rooms](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/236/Public-Meeting-Rooms)

FROM THE BILLING & COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT FALL 2021 - IMPORTANT DATES

- **November 1, 2021** – 2022 Dog and Cat tags available for purchase.
- **November 15, 2021** - The 2nd half of 2021 Real Estate Taxes are due. In order to avoid penalty and interest, these taxes must be paid by November 15, 2021.
- **December 6, 2021** - The 2nd half of 2021 Personal Property Taxes are due. In order to avoid penalty and interest, these taxes must be paid by this date. Please pay all Personal Property taxes by due date to avoid a Vehicle Registration Stop being placed at DMV.

Note: Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from any late charges

Payment by Mail OR Dropoff in Large White DROPBOX located in City Hall Parking Lot: If a receipt is needed, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your bill stub and payment placed together in a sealed envelope.

Pay in Person: Visit City Hall Billing and Collections (1st Floor) during our regular office hours - 8:30am-5:00pm. Be sure to bring your bill with you.

Pay Online: If you prefer to pay by credit card, you may visit the City website at www.colonialheightsva.gov/epayments.

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



Celebrate Safe Communities

Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 (5:30pm-8:00pm; Rain Date October 7)

Celebrate Safe Communities is an annual opportunity that brings together Law Enforcement, Local Government, Community Leaders, Faith-based Organizations, Civic Groups, Neighborhoods and Citizens like YOU!

The purpose of bringing these community partners together is to talk about concerns in your neighborhood in a fun and friendly way.

During our Celebrate Safe Communities event, there will be cook-outs and block parties held at different locations throughout the city! Citizens will get to talk, re-connect and discuss not only important neighborhood and community issues, but more importantly have an opportunity to maintain open lines of communication.

With all that happened this past year, it is more important than ever to come together as a community and celebrate what makes this city great!

At each location, members of the Colonial Heights Police Department will visit with the community. While we will be discussing issues that are important to you, this is also a great opportunity to meet the many new faces that we have in our agency. This is also an opportunity for those that have had an interest in a career in Law Enforcement to meet some of our newest officers and discuss their experiences from recruitment to instruction and finally to becoming an officer.

If you are interested in hosting an event, or you would like more information on event locations; please contact Career Officer Scott Whirley at (804)520-9318 or by email at whirleys@colonialheightsva.gov. You can also visit www.colonialheightsva.gov, for an up-to-date list of event locations. We look forward to seeing everyone on October 5th!!

The Colonial Heights Public Library

Autumn 2021 Family Storytime

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

at 11 a.m. from

September 14 - December 8

Join us for stories, music, and creative movement. Each story hour ends with a craft or STEM activity. Children build early literacy proficiency while making new friends and developing social skills. The suggested age is 3-5 years old, but all ages are welcome. Programs take place in the children's area of the library.



No registration is needed.

No storytime during Thanksgiving week.



COLONIAL HEIGHTS RECREATION & 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
Senior Activities & Classes	(804)520-9220
Senior Transportation	(804)520-9219
Office on Youth & Human Svcs	(804)520-9286
Weather Cancellation Line	(804)524-8788
Violet Bank Museum	(804)520-9395



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ON SOCIAL MEDIA...



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 BY PHONE

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

REGISTER ONLINE

To register online, please visit us online at www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks and click the Recreation Programs link.

DROP BOX

We have a drop box for after hours collection of registrations, payments and uniforms; located in front of our office at Shepherd Stadium, 901 Meridian Avenue. Checks only, please do not place cash in the drop box.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Recreation Dept accepts Cash, Check, money order and major Credit Cards.

Please make checks payable to:

"City of Colonial Heights"
\$50 fee may apply for returned checks

YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Ages: 5-15 (as of 1/1/2022)

Registration for 2021 youth basketball leagues will begin on September 20, 2021. The deadline to register is October 29, 2021. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Practices begin will begin in November. Fee: \$20 until October 29; \$30 after October 29 and as space permits, children registered after October 29 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:

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

E-SPORTS FALL LEAGUES

All Ages

We have partnered with GG Leagues to bring E-Sports to Colonial Heights. For a full listing of offered leagues and to register visit our GG Leagues homepage at <https://app.ggleagues.com/organization/colonial-heights-recreation>. Registration for Fall Leagues closes September 29th. League play will begin the week of October 4th and end the week of November 8th.



This webpage also includes information about the leagues, information for parents, as well as the schedule and registration information. Available leagues include Madden '21, Rocket League, Fortnite, and Super Smash Bros.

FALL 2021 SOCCER REGISTRATION

Ages 4-17

CHSA offers 3 levels of play; Travel Soccer, Cross-Association Recreational, and in-house Recreational program. Travel Soccer is through Virginia Soccer League for the players that have been selected via the tryout process. Tryouts are conducted in the Spring for the Fall season. Cross-Association is a recreational program offered on a wider scale. Teams will compete against teams from surrounding areas, meaning approximately half of our games will not be played at the Colonial Heights location. Registration can be done online and closes August 15th. Games will begin on September 11th for Cross Association and September 18th for In-House Rec. For a listing of fees and further information visit www.colonialheightssoccer.com.

Below are the US Youth Soccer age divisions for the 2021-22 Soccer Season.

Division Birth Years

U6	2016	2017
U8	2014	2015
U10	2012	2013
U12	2010	2011
U14	2008	2009
U16	2006	2007
U18	2004	2005

INTRO TO PICKLEBALL CLINICS

All Ages

Join us for Pickleball Beginner classes! If you've never played Pickleball before, this is designed especially for you! This instructed course will cover the basics of Pickleball rules, terminology, primary skills, coordination, beginner court time, and more. You must register for this course. Class meets every Monday as a one night class...you may sign up for multiple sessions.

Mo 9/27-11/15 6:00pm-8:00pm
FREE Middle School Courts

League Fee: \$30/league

CLASSES & EVENTS

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. Uniforms are available for purchase. If there is a cancellation for class due to a holiday then the class schedule will be emailed.

Mo/Th	9/9-9/30	6:00pm-7:00pm
Mo/Th	10/4-10/28	6:00pm-7:00pm
Mo/Th	11/1-11/18	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$40	Lakeview Elem. Gym	

DIGITAL APP DESIGN

Ages 5-14

In this class from Youth Digital, kids learn basic mobile app development skills as they design and program their own mobile game. At the end of class, kids will be able to download and play their app on Android or iOS! They'll also be able to access the online version of the course after class. Students are required to bring smart phone, Laptop or Chromebook.

Tu	10/12-11/2	5:30pm-6:30pm
\$65	Community Center	

BELLY DANCING

Ages 13+

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

Th	9/2-9/30	6:00pm-7:00pm
Th	10/7-10/28	6:00pm-7:00pm
Th	11/4-11/18	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$30	Community Center	

ZUMBA KIDS!

Ages 5-14

Zumba® Kids classes are rockin', high energy DANCE parties that help develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives by making fitness FUN! Classes feature kid friendly routines based on original Zumba® choreography. We break down the steps, add games, activities and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. It is important to understand that Zumba Kids is centered around creating a FUN atmosphere, as opposed to one of a more technical, competitive nature. Children of all shapes, sizes, and abilities are welcome!

Tu	9/14-10/5	5:30pm-6:30pm
\$65	Community Center	

OPEN SEWING

All Ages Welcome

Bring your own sewing supplies and projects. Share techniques and socialize while working on different projects.

Tu	9/7-9/28	4:30pm-8:30pm	Mo	9/6-9/27	4:30pm-8:30pm
Tu	10/5-10/26	4:30pm-8:30pm	Mo	10/4-10/27	4:30pm-8:30pm
Tu	11/2-11/30	4:30pm-8:30pm	Mo	11/1-11/29	4:30pm-8:30pm
FREE	Community Center		FREE	Community Center	

LINE DANCING

All Ages Welcome

A line dance is a choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows, all facing either each other or in the same direction, and executing the steps at the same time. Participants will learn basic steps, rhythms and routines choreographed to music, thereby improving memory and balance.

We	9/1-9/29	6:00pm-8:00pm
We	10/5-10/27	6:00pm-8:00pm
We	11/3-11/24	6:00pm-8:00pm
FREE	Community Center	

For information about our Parks, Facilities, and available rentals visit
www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks

SCRAPBOOKING

All Ages Welcome

Enjoy and share scrapbooking secrets and ideas. Bring your own supplies but a creative memories dealer will be on-hand to purchase items if needed.

Mo	9/6-9/27	4:30pm-8:30pm
Mo	10/4-10/27	4:30pm-8:30pm
Mo	11/1-11/29	4:30pm-8:30pm

SWING DANCE CLASSES

All Ages Welcome

Want to learn how to turn that stumbling into dancing? Looking for more of challenge or learn new moves. Join our instructors for our beginner or intermediate swing dance classes. This is a 6 week session and registration is available online.

BEGINNER LESSONS

Tu	9/21-10/26	6:00pm-7:00pm
Tu	11/2-12/7	6:00pm-7:00pm

INTERMEDIATE LESSONS—must complete Beginner lessons or have instructor approval. These classes meet as individual sessions. You may register for multiple sessions

Tu	9/21-10/26	7:00pm-8:00pm
Tu	11/2-12/7	7:00pm-8:00pm
FREE	Community Center	

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION



Therapeutic Recreation (TR) uses recreational activities (such as art, games or dance) to help people with disabilities to improve their physical, cognitive and social skills. 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.

These activities will be offered to help enhance their recreation interests and participation. Prior to the activity the participant must register and complete a participant profile. Activity schedules are subject to

FALL CLASSES (ALL AGES) - COMMUNITY CENTER

We	9/1	Bingo	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	9/8	Fall Crafts	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	9/15	Summer Crafts	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	9/22	Bingo	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	9/29	NO CLASS THIS WEEK		
We	10/6	Water Color Painting	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	10/13	Ceramics	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	10/20	Bingo	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	10/27	Halloween Party	\$5	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	11/3	Sensory Relaxation	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	11/10	Thanksgiving Crafts	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	11/17	Bingo	\$3	5:30pm-7:00pm
We	11/24	NO CLASS THIS WEEK		

SENIOR CENTER

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The Senior Center is located at the Community Building at 157 Roanoke Avenue. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Center is open to adults 50 years of age and older who are City Residents. All Senior Citizen programs are FREE unless noted. The Senior Center monthly calendar lists daily and monthly activities and is available for pick-up at the Senior Center or call (804)520-9220.

ACTIVITIES & FITNESS

Monday

8:15am	Senior Stride (<i>Roslyn Landing Park</i>)
8:30am	Tai Chi (<i>Library</i>)
9:30am	Muscles in Motion
9:30am	Bowling (<i>League Fee</i>)
10:30am	Strength & Stretch
11:00am	Pickle Ball (<i>Swift Creek Baptist Church</i>)
11:30am	Line Dancing
12:30pm	Intro to Pinochle
1:00pm	Pinochle
1:30pm	Senior Singers
4:00pm	Beginners Sewing (<i>sign up \$12</i>)

Tuesday

8:30am	Total Body Strength
9:00am	Tap Dancin' Grannies
9:30am	Yoga Core
10:30am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:30am	Meditation
1:00pm	Bingo
2:00pm	Meaningful Exchanges
2:30pm	Quilts for Vets (<i>Last Tue</i>)
2:30pm	Open Sew (<i>1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues</i>)
3:00pm	Intermediate Tai Chi
4:00pm	Chair/Beginner's Tai Chi

Wednesday

8:30am	Crochet & Knitting
8:45am	Muscles in Motion
10:00am	Strength & Stretch
11:00am	Line Dancing
11:00am	Pickle Ball (<i>Swift Creek Baptist Church</i>)
12:30pm	Party Bridge
2:00pm	Worthy Wednesdays (<i>3rd Wed</i>)

Thursday

8:30am	Total Body Strength
9:30am	Yoga Flow
10:30am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:30am	Meditation
12:15pm	Game Day
1:15pm	Senior Citizens Club Mtg.
12:30pm	Poetry/Photography (<i>4th Thur</i>)
2:00pm	Watercolor (<i>\$18</i>)

Friday

8:45am	Boot Camp
10:00am	Balance/Yoga Warrior
11:00am	Line Dancing
11:00am	Pickle Ball (<i>Swift Creek Baptist Church</i>)
12:00pm	Open Paint
12:30pm	Scrabble
1:00pm	Movie Day (<i>monthly</i>)
6:00pm	Senior Dance (<i>monthly</i>)

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.) and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (With services being provided from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Service is available to Colonial Heights residents who are at least 60 years of age, and adult special needs or handicapped. Transportation will be available to and from any Colonial Heights destination and to a few out of City medical offices. 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.

Healthy Lifestyle & Diabetes Class

This 12 week program focuses on weight loss and A1C reduction through healthy eating and increased physical activity.

Class meets on a weekly basis and homework is assigned. Spots are limited. Please call the Senior Center for the next scheduled class.

Cost: \$50

Senior Stride 5K Run/Walk

Join us along the river on the Appomattox River Trail for our annual 5K. This is a walk/run event.

Start line will be behind the animal shelter at Roslyn Landing Park. Registration is recommended but not required. This will be a timed event. For more information please contact the Senior Center.

Fr 10/9 Start Time: 9am

FREE Roslyn Landing Park

TRIPS TO RESUME IN 2022

Senior Center staff is happy to announce that they are making plans to resume trips in 2022. We are excited to be able to provide a wide array of trips starting in 2022.

Keep an eye out for announcements about what trips are being planned for next year.

VIOLET BANK MUSEUM

A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME

All Ages

Visit Violet Bank and spend the day with us as we celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day. The event will start off with the movie "Cutthroat Island" (Rated PG 13) in the historic Lee Parlor and followed by a lecture and book signing by local treasure Tamara Eastman; "The Pirate Trail of Ann Bonny and Mary Read". Donations accepted and greatly appreciated

Su 9/19 10:30am-3:00pm

Movie 10:30am-12:00pm

Lecture/Book Signing 1:00pm-3:00pm

FREE

CRAFTY KIDS: MAKE & TAKE

Ages 5-11

All instruction and materials are provided for children to make Sea Shell Ornaments and Pom Pom Christmas Trees. Registration is required and limited spots are available.

Sa 11/27 10:00am-12:00pm

\$5 Violet Bank Museum

CANDLELIGHT OPEN HOUSE

All Ages

Please make plans now to join us during the Candlelight Open House at Violet Bank to experience the grace and elegance of a bygone era. The house will be lovingly decorated by the Violet Bank Garden Club using fresh greenery and natural materials. No tours can be given during the Open House so please visit again during normal operating hours.

There is no admission fee for the Open House but we will gratefully accept your non-perishable food items to be donated to the Colonial Heights Food Pantry.

The staff of Violet Bank Museum gives a huge and heartfelt "Thank You" to the awesome volunteers who so generously give of their time and talents to make this event possible.

Fr 12/3 and 12/10 6:00pm-8:00pm

Sa 12/4 and 12/11 6:00pm-8:00pm

Su 12/5 and 12/12 6:00pm-8:00pm

FREE Violet Bank Museum

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YOUTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The Office on Youth and Human Services offers programs for youth and families who reside in Colonial Heights. Visit us on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram or view our information at <https://www.colonialheightsva.gov/267/Youth-Human-Services>.

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

This leadership organization is for teens in grades 6-12. YAC works with members of City Council and the Youth Services Commission to identify, address, and resolve issues that affect teens. Our overall goal is to instill a sense of pride in and around Colonial Heights and encourage responsible citizenship. Members serve the community in a variety of worthwhile and fun community service projects. Teens interested in membership are encouraged to apply. Complete the application at <https://www.colonialheightsva.gov/349/Youth-Advisory-Council> or visit the Office on Youth in City Hall. For more information, please call Marquis Mapp 520-9286.

Kids' Achieving Progress Afterschool Program (KAP)

This is a referral-based, free program serving 4th-8th grade students residing in Colonial Heights. Referrals are made for students who require extra academic and/or social support. Students can be referred by teachers or parents. Tutoring assistance is provided by area high school and college students and KAP program staff. Tutoring sessions promote and improve study skills, social skill enhancement, positive behavior, academic performance and a healthy lifestyle. For enrollment information, please call Christian Velez 520-9286.

Parent Tip: Make time for your kids: Don't feel guilty if you're a working parent. It is the many little things you do — making popcorn, playing cards, window shopping — that kids will remember.



Are you interested in helping your neighbors and community during an emergency or disaster? The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.

For more information on the Colonial Heights CERT please contact the Emergency Management Office.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



**Colonial Heights
Emergency Management
Tim Blumenschine
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FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Thank you to our citizens and businesses that were patient and understanding as we processed our first Personal Property bills utilizing our new financial software. We hope that we were proactive by revising the due date to July 30 and that it was not a severe inconvenience for you. Our goal is to always get it right every time and we know that did not happen this time, however, we are confident the things we discovered during this billing cycle will get us closer to getting it 100% right. 100% disabled Veterans, one passenger vehicle that you own or co-own is exempt from personal property tax. Please keep us updated on which vehicle you would like exempt if you own more than one. Active Duty military with an out of state HOR, you must provide us with a current LES to be exempt from personal property taxes and license fees. As always, remember, there is nothing that we cannot fix or make correct, so please be patient as we navigate these new waters. It will get smoother, I promise.

Due dates will remain the same, tax rates remain the same and what you must do as citizens and taxpayers remains the same.

- It is the taxpayer who is responsible for notifying this office of new purchases as well as personal property sold, not DMV or a car dealer.
- New business owners are required to get a Business License prior to opening.
- Renewal of existing Business Licenses is required by March 1
- You must keep your name and address updated at DMV. Changes are required by State Law within 30 days. You can do that on the DMVNow website.
- Colonial Heights does not pro-rate personal property tax. If you owned the vehicle or other property on January 1, 2021, you will pay taxes for the entire year in Colonial Heights regardless of when you move or when you sold it.

Any questions can be directed to your commissioner, Bill Feasenmyer at 804-520-9281 or feasenmyerw@colonialheightsva.gov.

In need of a speaker for your meeting or event?



We can teach your group how to become better prepared for an emergency or how to build an emergency kit for your home and car.

Colonial Heights Emergency Management can help.

Give us a call at 804-524-8773 or email Blumenschinet@colonialheightsva.gov.

Neighborhood Leaf Removal Service

Fall 2021/Winter 2022

Convenient Service during Fall Season

The City of Colonial Heights Department of Public Works is pleased to announce that convenient leaf removal services will be provided in city neighborhoods again this year. Each fall, residents collect and stockpile loose leaves along city streets, which city crews remove and make available to local recycling businesses. During the 2020/21 season, city crews collected approximately 2,500 cubic yards of leaves.

Year Round Service Option

Bagged leaves are collected year round and may be placed at the curbside on regular trash collection days. The limit per collection day is 30 bags, each weighing no more than 50 pounds.

Neighborhood Service Areas

This year leaf removal operations will occur in three main service areas, each consisting of three to four neighborhoods. **Figure 1 (See Page 10)** shows the service areas and schedules. Signs will be installed on adjacent thoroughfares to let residents know in advance when service is scheduled in their area. Please note that the time for service in each area is subject to change depending on inclement weather conditions and other events beyond the City's control.

Scheduled Time of Service

Leaves will be collected and removed during the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning November 15, 2021 and ending February 14, 2022 except on holidays.

Preparing Leaves for City Collection

Residents are asked to place leaves along street frontages and roadsides one week before service is scheduled to begin in their neighborhood, **as only one (1) pass will be made on each street during the scheduled collection service for the area.** No leaves will be removed except during regularly scheduled times. Leaves that are not placed before regularly scheduled removal times will be removed during the next regularly scheduled service in the area. City crews cannot remove leaves from private property.

Avoid Mixing Leaves with Other Debris

Residents are asked to keep leaf piles free of tree branches, lumber, steel, rock, concrete or other debris. Hard objects mixed with leaves are hazardous and may damage leaf vacuum equipment causing unnecessary time and expense to repair or replace.

Neighborhood Parking During Leaf Removal Service

Residents can assist city leaf removal operations by keeping parked vehicles clear of leaf piles. The use of off-street parking is encouraged wherever available. "No Parking" signs may be used to restrict parking on neighborhood streets while city crews remove leaf piles. To avoid damaging personal property, city crews will not rake leaf piles out from under or between parked cars.

More Information

Residents may contact the Public Works Department at 520-9372 for more information about this convenient neighborhood service.

GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 2, 2021

On the Ballot for City of Colonial Heights:

Governor

Glenn A. Youngkin - R
Terry R. McAuliffe - D
Princess L. Blanding - LP

Lieutenant Governor

Winsome E. Sears - R
Hala S. Ayala - D

Attorney General

Jason S. Miyares - R
Mark R. Herring - D

Member, House of Delegates 66th District

Mike A. Cherry – R
Katie A. Sponsler – D

Commonwealth's Attorney

A. Gray Collins III

Sheriff

Todd B. Wilson

Commissioner of Revenue

William S. "Bill" Feasenmyer, Jr.

Treasurer

Teresa H. Cherry
Tara S. Botts

Write-ins are permissible for all offices.

Last day to register to vote or to update existing registration is October 12, 2021.

In-person early voting at the City Hall Registrar's office begins September 17, 2021 and will be available through Saturday, October 30, 2021. To receive an absentee ballot by mail, an application must be submitted by October 22, 2021.

Election Day polls open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

BE SURE YOUR VOTER INFORMATION UP TO DATE!

Help us

Are you registered to vote?

Help you
Vote

Is your address current?

Have you changed your name?

Go to vote.virginia.gov and



CHECK NOW!

Before it's too late!



Neighborhood Leaf Removal Schedule

Fall 2021/Winter 2022

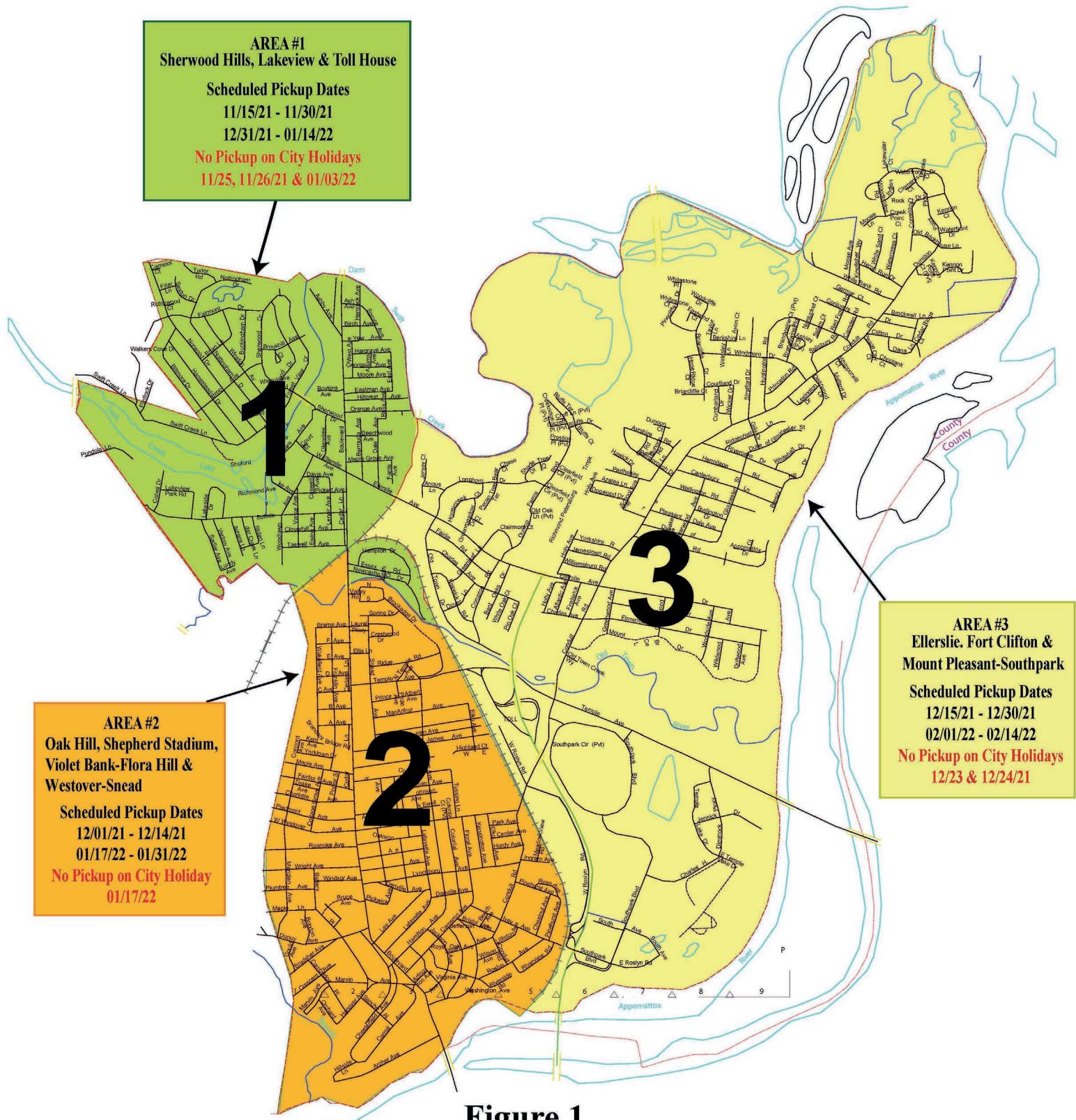


Figure 1

LOVE DOES NOT HURT.

END THE VIOLENCE NOW.

RECOGNIZE.
REPORT.
PREVENT.

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE ARE EXPERIENCING
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WE CAN HELP.

FOR LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES, DIAL
911.

IF YOU ARE SAFE AND WOULD LIKE TO
DISCUSS YOUR OPTIONS AND RESOURCES,
CALL (804) 520-9293 TO SPEAK TO THE
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

PICKLEBALL Tournament

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
COLONIAL HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRIZES FOR 1ST AND 2ND
PLACE WINNERS

SIGN-IN 3:00 P.M.
TOURNEY BEGINS 3:30 P.M.

2 MAN/WOMAN TEAM ONLY

\$15 PER PERSON ENTRY



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE
COLONIAL HEIGHTS PICKLEBALL CLUB



City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade

2021 Theme

Oh Deer, What a Year!

The **68th Annual Christmas Parade** – a longtime Colonial Heights tradition -will occur on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 7:00pm** on the Boulevard, starting at Temple Ave and concluding at the Colonial Heights Courthouse. Applications are now being accepted for the 2021 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. 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 Monday, November 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (804) 520-9390.

We are also accepting sponsorships for the 2021 Christmas Parade. Visit the Christmas Parade page on our website at 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.

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PRESENTING

The Ft. Clifton Fall Festival CARNIVAL Extravaganza

JOIN IN ON THE FUN AS THE
Ft. CLIFTON PARK GROUNDS ARE TRANSFORMED
INTO AN OLD FASHIONED CARNIVAL!

- GAMES OF SKILL & CHANCE • JUGGLERS • CLOWNS
- FORTUNE TELLERS • FACE PAINTING & BALLOONS
- LIVE MUSIC • CONCESSIONS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021
12 PM - 4 PM**

Fort Clifton Park
100 Brockwell Lane, Colonial Heights, VA 23834
(804) 520-9390
www.colonialheightsva.gov



HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

6-8PM @ FLORAL HILL PARK

Free Candy, Games, Music, Activities

Wear your costume & bring your candy bag

City Resident Only, No registration required

Keystone Tractor Museum presents Colonial Heights Day



VENDORS
INCLUDING
JEWELRY,
ARTWORK,
AND MORE!

OCTOBER 2ND
10AM-3PM
880 W ROSLYN RD
MUSEUM ADMISSION
\$5
CHILDREN 5 & UNDER
FREE



Important 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
Library	(804)520-9384
Colonial Heights Health Department	(804)520-9380
Utilities Billing	(804)520-9288
Billing & Collections	(804)520-9320
Commissioner of Revenue	(804)520-9280
Treasurer	(804)520-9321
Planning & Community Development	(804)520-9297
Registrar/Director of Elections	(804)520-9277
Street Maintenance	(804)520-9372
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
Sheriff	(804)520-9352
CH Recycling Center	(804)479-7056
<i>(Household Hazardous Waste & Other Materials)</i>	

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