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COUNCIL COLUMN



T. Gregory Kochuba

Mayor

Happy New Year!

As I reflect on 2023, I am extremely proud of the outstanding services the city provided "day in and day out" to our Colonial Heights community. The past year brought new city events, business initiatives, tax relief, public safety initiatives, and several major construction projects!

Noteworthy accomplishments in 2023 included the continued implementation of our new city financial system, provisions for personal property tax relief, and completion of major capital improvement projects such as Branders Bridge turn lanes onto the Boulevard and North Elementary School sidewalks, as well as Lakeview Avenue modernizations and Westover nearly complete. The city prioritized public safety with the addition of a state-of-the-art Fire Engine and implementation of new police technology. Additional accomplishments include the development of a short-term rental policy, conversion of the Lakeview tennis courts into pickleball courts, setting record breaking attendance at the Chili Peppers games, hosting of the new Falloween Festival, and reviving the Christmas tree lighting tradition at the courthouse.

Looking forward, new initiatives for 2024 include development plans for Phase V of the Appomattox River Trail, completing the renovated fine arts wing and front entrance/office of the High School, developing new Middle School Sidewalks, expanding adult pickleball programs, opening of the new Panera Bread, hosting our Citizens Government Academy, extending the Chili Peppers contract for Shepherd Stadium, continuing the process for renovations to Violet Bank, and increasing street pavement projects throughout the city.

City services, projects, programs and renovations could not be performed or completed without having skilled, experienced, and passionate employees. Thank you to all city employees for your dedication and continuous support in making our city a great place to live, work and raise a family!

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

February

February 6	Planning Commission - Council Chambers	6:00pm
February 14	City Council Regular Meeting - Council Chambers	7:00pm
February 19	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
February 21	City Council Work Session - Council Chambers	6:00pm

March

Mar. 1 & 2	City Council Retreat - Smithfield Station	
March 5	*Planning Commission -Council Chambers	6:00pm
March 12	City Council Regular Meeting - Council Chambers	7:00pm
March 29	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	

April

April 2	Planning Commission - Council Chambers (Tentative)	6:00pm
April 9	City Council Regular Meeting - Council Chambers	7:00pm
April 16	City Council Work Session - Council Chambers	6:00 pm

May

May 7	Planning Commission -Council Chambers	6:00pm
May 14	City Council Regular Meeting -Council Chambers	7:00pm
May 21	City Council Work Session -Council Chambers	6:00pm
May 27	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	

**Note: Meeting may be moved due to another City Event.*

IMPORTANT COLONIAL HEIGHTS PHONE NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE EMERGENCY	DIAL 911
POLICE/FIRE NON-EMERGENCY.....	(804)520-9300
BILLING & COLLECTION	(804)520-9320
CIRCUIT COURT	(804)520-9364
CITIZENS ASSISTANCE HOTLINE	(804) 520-9266
COLONIAL HEIGHTS HEALTH DEPARTMENT	(804)520-9380
CH RECYCLING CENTER.....	(804)479-7056
(Household Hazardous Waste & Other Materials)	
COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	(804)520-9280
CURBSIDE TRASH/RECYCLING SERVICES	(804)340-0900
DMV SELECT.....	(804)497-7100
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT.....	(804)520-9346
YUENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT	(804)451-0213
LIBRARY.....	(804)520-9384
OFFICE ON YOUTH & HUMAN SERVICES.....	(804)520-9286
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.....	(804)520-9297
RECREATION & PARKS.....	(804)520-9390
REGISTRAR/DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS.....	(804)520-9277
SHERIFF.....	(804)520-9352
STREET MAINTENANCE.....	(804)520-9372
TREASURER.....	(804)520-9321
UTILITIES BILLING.....	(804)520-9288



*The City of Colonial Heights
&
The Colonial Heights
Beautification Committee*

*cordially invite you to attend our
18th Annual Arbor Day Celebration*

*Where: Colonial Heights Technical Center
3451 Conduit Rd, Colonial Heights*

When: Friday, April 19th, 2024

(Rain Date: April 26th)

Time: The program will begin at 10:00 AM

SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY:

Visit www.colonialheightsva.gov and click on the homepage "Community Spotlight" Link to get started!

2 CITY SERVICES:



NOTIFY ME

We are encouraging ALL residents to sign up for both of our notification systems!

• **Civic Ready:** Water Outages, Delayed Trash & Recycling Collection Services, & other Significant Emergency Events (thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, or other urgent widespread events.)

• **Notify Me Alert Center:** Choose what City information is important to you! City News and Updates, Events, Meetings, and other Important City Alerts.



*For assistance please call
(804)520-9265*

Spring Cleaning Bulky Waste Collection Services

Colonial Heights /CVWMA

What is Bulky Waste?

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

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



What is NOT Bulky Waste?

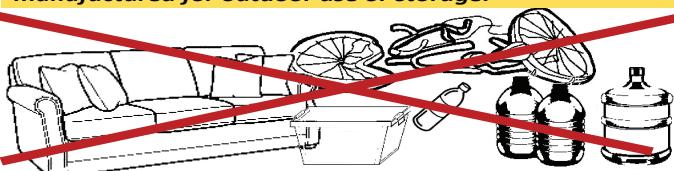
Items that will NOT be collected as Bulky Waste include:

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



Prohibition of Clutter

On April 11, 2023 City Council adopted amendments to Chapter 244 of the City Code that prohibits "clutter", defined as: *Mechanical equipment, household furniture, containers, and similar items that may be detrimental to the community's well-being when they are left in public view for 30 days or more or are allowed to accumulate. Clutter includes, but is not limited to, those not designed, built, or manufactured for outdoor use or storage.*



An accumulation of items on one's property can lead to unsafe conditions and dangerous situations. The purpose of the amendment is to protect and enhance the health, comfort and general welfare of City's residents.

➤ If you receive a notice of violation for clutter, then removal of the clutter is necessary.
➤ DO NOT ignore the notice as violating this ordinance can result in fines, removal of the items from the property at your cost, or possibly criminal penalties.
For more information contact the Department of Planning & Community Development at (804) 520-9297.

How to schedule Bulky Waste Services?

If your Bulky Waste items will fit in the bed of a FULL-SIZED pickup truck, and you wish for your items to be collected for the next REGULAR trash collection day then:

- Visit CVWMA.com/ch-trash-service or call 804-340-0900 to schedule your FREE Bulky Waste Collection.
- ALL requests must be made prior to 2pm the day before regular trash collection.

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

TRASH CAN PLACEMENT

A few placement tips to follow... to ensure the collection of your trash & recyclables

- 1 **CLOSE THE LID & ROLL TO THE CURB**
Place all items inside the cart(s) and close the lid completely. The night before your pickup, safely roll the cart(s) to the edge of the curb. Please bag and tie all trash to prevent litter.
- 2 **MAKE SURE THE CART HANDLE IS FACING YOUR HOME**
Place the cart(s) at the edge of the curb with the wheels and handle facing the house and the lid opening facing the street.
- 3 **CART(S) MUST BE CLEAR OF ALL OBSTACLES**
Make sure there is nothing in front of the cart(s) and at least 3 ft. of space on all sides.



If trash and recycling bins are stored outside a residence or business, please place bins behind or beside, and **not** in front of the building during **non-collection** days. Your bins may be at the curb for pick-up as detailed below*.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TRASH			After 12 PM	All Day	Until 7 PM		
RECYCLING					After 12 PM	All Day	Until 7 PM

*Please note that these collection times are subject to change during holidays indicated on the collection schedule.

Are you operating a short-term rental? **YOU NEED A PERMIT**

On December 12th, 2023 City Council approved Ordinance No. 23-21 which added the use of a short-term rental, hosted and non-hosted, to Chapter 286 of City Code (the "Zoning Ordinance") and established regulations governing the operation of short-term rentals in the City. To operate a property as a short-term rental, you must be approved for an annual permit from the Department of Planning & Community Development.

Please stop by City Hall at 201 James Avenue to submit an annual permit application or online at the City's website by searching for "short-term rental". For questions, contact the Department of Planning & Community Development at 804-520-9297 or planning@colonialheightsva.gov.

OFFICE HOURS:

MON - Fri, 8:30am - 5:00pm

P.O. Box 3401 / 901 Meridian Avenue

Colonial Heights, VA 23834

www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks

Recreation and Parks Office (804)520-9390

Senior Activities & Classes (804)520-9220

Senior Transportation (804)520-9219

Office on Youth & Human Services (804)520-9286

Weather Cancellation Line (804)524-8788

Violet Bank Museum (804)520-9395

REGISTER BY MAIL

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

Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks

P.O. Box 3401

Colonial Heights, VA 23834

REGISTER IN PERSON

To register in-person, please visit our office, MON - Fri 8:30am-5:00pm:

Recreation and Parks Office Shepherd Stadium, 901 Meridian Avenue

Colonial Heights, VA 23834

REGISTER BY PHONE

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

REGISTER ONLINE

To register online, please visit us at www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks 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

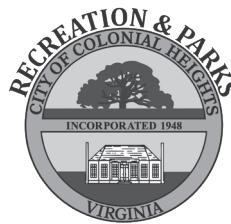
The Recreation Dept accepts Cash, Check, money order and major Credit Cards.

Please make checks payable to:

"City of Colonial Heights"

\$50 fee may apply for returned checks

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COLONIAL HEIGHTS RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Sports & Athletics

Youth Baseball & Softball Registration

Registration for 2024 youth baseball and softball leagues began on January 2, 2024. The deadline to register is March 17, 2024. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Practices begin in April. Practice/game times will vary depending on the number of teams in each league.

Fee: \$20 until Mar 17
\$30 after Mar 17

(Children registered after deadline may be placed on a waiting list)

Boys Competitive (CBC):

U10 Baseball	Grades 4-5
U12 Baseball	Grades 6-7
U15 Baseball	Grades 8-9

Girls Competitive (CYSA/CBC):

U10 Fastpitch Softball	Grades 4-5
U12 Fastpitch Softball	Grades 6-7
U15 Fastpitch Softball	Grades 8-9

Coed Instructional/Developmental:

U4 Instructional Blast Ball	Grade Pre-K to K
U5 Instructional T-Ball Baseball	Grades K-1
U7 Developmental Coach Pitch Baseball	Grades 2-3
U9 Developmental Machine Pitch	Grades 4-5

Pickleball 101 – Beginner Pickleball

Ages 13 to adult

Join us for beginner Pickleball classes and beginner-friendly play. If you've never played Pickleball before or are just starting, this class is designed for you! The instructor-led course and supervised play will cover the basics of pickleball rules, terminology, primary skills, coordination, and some court time for beginner friendly games! Sessions held every Monday at 6:00pm Lakeview Park Pickleball Courts.

Mon 4/8-5/20 6:00pm
Lakeview Courts FREE

Pickleball - Round Robin League

Ages 13 to adult

This 6-Week Progressive Round Robin League has enough room for 32 players per evening, but scoring is cumulative, so consistent attendance is a positive! Play consists of six 12-minute games resulting in 1.5 hours of active playing time per night. Sessions held every Friday at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Fri 4/12-5/17 6:00pm-8:00pm
Lakeview Courts FREE

Intro to Football Camp

Grades 1st-6th

In partnership with the Colonial Heights High School football coaching staff, the Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks football program is a great place for athletes of all levels to learn the game and develop their skills. Whether your child is a seasoned player or just starting out, our program will provide them with the coaching, support, and positive environment they need to succeed. Camp sessions held on Monday nights at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Colonial Heights Middle School Football Stadium.

Mon 4/29-5/20 5:30pm-7:30pm
CHMS Football Stadium \$20

Family Fun

Leprechaun Trap Building

Recommended for all ages. Join us in a time of creativity and building to make a trap for you to take home to catch your leprechaun! This trap will be ready in time for St. Patrick's Day. All equipment/materials will be provided. Parent Participation required. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Fri, Mar 8th 6pm-7:30pm.
Community Center. Free

Doggy Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all dog owners to bring out their furry friends to this brand-new event! Join us in treat filled egg hunts, pictures with the Easter bunny and more! View egg hunt times below to select the correct one for your furry friends!

Egg Hunt Times:

Small Dogs (under 50lbs):	11:15am-11:30am
Medium Dogs (51-100lbs):	11:45am-12pm
Large Dogs (101-150lbs):	12:15-12:30pm
Super Dogs (151lbs+):	12:45-1pm
Sat, Mar 16 th .	11am-1pm.
Fort Clifton Park.	Free

Puzzle Puzzloza

Recommended for ages 5+. Get your puzzle on in this friendly competition! Race to be the first team to complete a 500-piece puzzle. You will have two hours to complete the puzzle. Register in teams of up to four. All equipment/materials/puzzles will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Fri, Apr 12. 6pm-8pm.
Community Center. \$12/Team
(Team includes up to 4 individuals)

May the 4th Celebration

Recommended for all ages. Join us in a galaxy far far away to celebrate Star Wars Day! Whether you're a rebel, Jedi master or sith lord, consider joining us for a unique take on May the 4th! All equipment/materials will be provided. Parent participation required. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Sat, May 4th. 6pm-8pm.

Community Center. \$5/Person

(Please register both adults and children attending).

Charcutier & Paint Night

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

Thur, June 6th 6-8pm.

Senior Center \$10/Person.

Youth & Teen Fun

Imagination Thur's

Recommended for Grades K-5. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us as we use creative thinking to complete STEM challenges. This interactive program will engage our brains and hands as we build, create and plan designs! All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thur, Mar 14th. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Theme: St. Patrick's Day STEM

Thur, Apr 11th. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Theme: Earth Day STEM

Thur, May 23rd. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Theme: Birds

Senior Center. \$3/Child.

Critters & Crafts

Recommended for Grades K-2. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us as we learn about new critters through arts, crafts, activities and more! These interactive sessions will give a glimpse at how animals live and what makes them unique. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Lucky Lizards.

Tues, Mar 19th. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Little Bunnies

Tues, Apr 23rd:. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Speedy Turtles

Tues, May 21st:. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Library. \$3/child.

Messy MONDAY's

Recommended for Grades K-2. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us as we make messy creations! We will

incorporate arts and crafts, sensory and other fun activities into our masterpieces. All the mess your kids could want with none of it being at your house! All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

St. Patrick's Day Fun

Mon, Mar 25th: 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Textured Paints.

Mon, Apr 29th: 5:30-6:30pm.

Senior Center. \$5/child.

Earth Day Celebration

Recommended for ages 3-12. Join us in celebrating Earth by spending some time at White Bank Park! We will have crafts, activities and more! All equipment/materials will be provided. Parent participation required. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Fri, Apr 19th. 5:30pm-7:30pm.

White Bank Park. Free.

Princess Tea

Recommended for Grades K-6. Calling all princess and queens to join this fun take on a tea party. Wear your favorite or fanciest dress and get ready to enjoy finger foods, drink (ice)tea, play games, make crafts and more. This will be an unforgettable day! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Sat, Apr 13. 11am-1pm.

Violet Bank Museum. \$5/Person

(Please register both adults and children attending).

Space Explorers

Recommended for Grades K-5. Join us in celebrating National Space Day (May 6) with this outer space themed program! We will learn what it takes to become an astronaut, learn about what is within the Milky Way Galaxy and galaxies beyond! All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Fri, May 3. 6pm-8pm.

Community Center. \$5/Child.

Camps

Spring Break: Rec n Roll

Keep an eye on our Facebook page leading up to Spring Break (Apr 1-5). This year we will be doing a Rec Mobile program and will list what locations we'll be at and when during Spring Break. This program is free, and will include us stopping at parks and schools for a few hours of games, arts and crafts and more!

Summer Camp Parent Orientation

Recommended for any parents with children attending Colonial Heights Summer Camps, or thinking of signing their child up. This information session will go over basic information about camp including drop-off/pick-up times, field trips, behavior management policy, summer camp expectations and more. It is beneficial and will help answer questions parents may have and get a jump on filling out forms. Parents will also have the chance to meet staff that will be working with your children during the summer!

MON, June 3rd. 6pm-7pm.

Colonial Heights Library. Free.

Homeschool Fun

Home 2 Learn: STEM

Recommended for grades K-5. Join us for this homeschool program that focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Each month we will create a new project and test participants creativity, problem solving skills and critical thinking skills. Participants will be given challenges that correspond with their age/grades and will have guidance from staff if they have questions. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Tues, Mar 5th. 2pm-3pm.

Tues, Apr 9th. 2pm-3pm.

Tues, May 7th. 2pm-3pm.

Library. Free.

Young Artists

Recommended for grades K-5. Join us for this homeschool program that focuses on using creativity and artistic skills. Each month we will create a new art projects that are fun and creative. Participants will be given projects that correspond with their age/grades and will have guidance from staff if they have questions. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Tues, Mar 19th. 2pm-3pm.

Tues, Apr 23rd. 2pm-3pm.

Tues, May 21st. 2pm-3pm.

Library. \$3/Child (Per Session)

Art in the Park

Recommended for Grades K-5. Calling all homeschoolers.... Join us at White Bank Park for some fun outdoor art activities. This program will run for 2 weeks. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Wed, Apr 24th. 2pm-3pm.

Wed, May 1st. 2pm-3pm.

White Bank Park. \$3/Child (Per Session).

Wild Child

Recommended for Grades K-5. Calling all homeschoolers to join us in this immersive nature-based program. We will learn about the ecosystems within Colonial Heights and Virginia. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Tues, Apr 30th. 2pm-3pm.
Tues, May 14th. 2pm-3pm.
White Bank Park. Free.

Picasso in the Parks

Recommended for Grades 6-8th. Join us at White Bank Park for some outdoor art time. This program will run for 2 weeks. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Wed, Apr 24th. 1pm-2pm.
Wed, May 1st. 1pm-2pm.
White Bank Park. \$3/Child (Per Session).

Wild Teens

Recommended for Grades 6-8th. Join us in an immersive nature-based program. We will learn about the ecosystems within Colonial Heights and Virginia. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Tues, Apr 30th. 1pm-2pm.
Tues, May 14th. 1pm-2pm.
White Bank Park. Free.

Preschool Fun

Dino Explorers

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us as we learn about dinosaurs and the world they lived in. We will go on a dinosaur hunt, read a book, create a craft and more! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thur, Mar 7. 11am-12pm.
Library. Free.

Tadpole Time

Recommended for ages 3-5. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us for some time learning about nature through books, crafts, games and other activities! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Cozy Bears:

Mon, Mar 11: 11am-12pm.

Earth Day Fun

Mon, Apr 29th: 11am-12pm.

Birding Buddies

Mon, May 6th: 11am-12pm.
Library. Free.

Rad Rainbows

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us in making rainbows and hopefully finding a pot of gold at the end of it! This arts and crafts program will focus on St. Patrick's Day. Create a rad rainbow, shamrock, play in sensory bins and more! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Fri, Mar 15. 11am-12pm.
Library. Free.

Tiny Trees

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us in learning about trees and Arbor Day. We will make crafts, move and groove and more! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

MON, Apr 22nd. 11am-12pm.
Library. Free.

Slimy Friends

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us in celebrating Amphibian Week! This program is sensory based to learn about amphibians and our "slimy" friends. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required. Please note, there will be no live animals.

Thur, May 2nd. 11am-12pm.
White Bank Park. Free.

Sensory Storytime

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

Fri, Apr 19th. 11am-12pm.
Fri, May 31st. 11am-12pm.
Library. Free.

Wiggle Worms

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us each week to discover and learn about a new park in Colonial Heights! We will explore the park, use our senses, make crafts and more! Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Thur May 9: Lakeview Park
Thur May 16: Fort Clifton Park
Thur May 23: White Bank Park
11am-12pm Free.

Preschool Prom

Recommended for ages 2-5. Join us at the Prom, Preschool Prom that is! Get all

dressed up in your best and head out for an evening of dancing, games, food and more. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Sat, May 18th. 5pm-7pm.
Community Center. \$5/Person
(Please register both adults and children attending).

Active Lifestyle

Archery

Recommended for ages 10+. NASP certified instructors will teach the basics of target archery, including range safety and proper technique. Participants will learn to shoot compound bows in a controlled environment. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Wed, May 29th. 5:30pm-7:30pm.
Fort Clifton Park. \$20/Participant.

Beginner/Intermediate Swing Dance Classes Series

Ages 18+

Join our instructors, Roger and Denise Underhill, for this 6-week beginner and/or intermediate swing dance class series! Whether you're a smooth mover or a two-left-footed rookie, these partner dance lessons are the perfect way to ignite your groove. Classes are held on Wednesday nights from 7:30pm to 9:30 pm at the Colonial Heights Community Building.

Wed 4/10-5/17 7:30pm-9:30pm
Community Center FREE

Belly Dance

Ages 13+

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

Thu 3/7-3/28 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thu 4/4-4/25 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thu 5/1-5/29 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
\$30 Community Center

Soul Line Dance w/Rhonda

Ages 13+

Rhonda is a nationally-recognized soul line dance instructor. Come learn basic terminology, counts, footwork, and learn dances with easy-to-follow steps. Dances vary in tempo (slow – very fast). As your skills develop expect to see slightly more challenging dances. Classes are held every Tuesday.

Tue 3/5-3/26 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tue 4/2-4/30 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tue 5/7-5/28 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
\$5/class Community Center

Martial Arts/Self Defense

Ages 7-18

This class focuses on strong basics, self-discipline, respect and teamwork concentrating on martial arts and self-defense techniques. All fitness and experience levels are welcome. No contracts, pay by the month.

Tue 3/5-3/26 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Tue 4/2-4/30 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Tue 5/7-5/28 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
\$30 Lakeview Elem. Gym

Fitness Warriors

Ages 13+

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

Mon 3/4-3/25 6:00 p.m.
Mon 4/1-4/29 6:00 p.m.
Mon 5/6-5/27 6:00 p.m.
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. These activities will be offered to help enhance their recreation interests and participation. Prior to the activity the participant must register and complete a participant profile. Activity schedules are subject to change.

TR Library Trips

Recommended for all ages and welcoming of all abilities. Join us for a monthly trip to the library to enjoy books, crafts, robots, virtual reality and more! Transportation services available for Colonial Heights residents. Please contact the office for more information.

Thur, Mar 28th. 3:30pm-5pm.
Thur, May 30th. 3:30pm-5pm.
Library. Free.

TR Movie Night

Recommended for all ages and welcoming of all abilities. Get together to enjoy some quality time together while munching on candy and watching a movie! We will watch two animated movies!

Fri, Mar 15th 6pm-9:30pm.
Fri, May 17th. 6pm-9:30pm.
Colonial Heights Community Center. Free.

TR Trip – Richmond Metro Zoo

Recommended for all ages and welcoming of all abilities. Join us in a fun Saturday at the Richmond Metro Zoo! We will get to see animals up close, feed them and take a train ride! Transportation services

available (twelve passenger vans) and will meet at the Colonial Heights Community Center to depart. Please get in contact with us at 804-520-9390 or via email at bellh@colonialheightsva.gov if you plan on riding in the van. Participants must pre-register for this trip. Parents and guardians are not required to go on the trip and must purchase a separate ticket if they plan on going. Registration ends 4/16/24.
Sat. 4/20 1:30pm-4:30pm.
\$30/Participant
(Includes entrance fee, train ride ticket and zoo treat cup to feed animals).

TR Wed Classes

5:30-7pm Unless otherwise noted.
Colonial Heights Community Center.
*Indicates the program will run from 5:30-7:30pm
Mar 6Construction Creations..FREE
*Mar 13St. Patrick's Day PartyFREE
Mar 20Open Mic NightFREE
*Mar 27Easter PartyFREE
Apr 3BingoFREE
Apr 10ArtapaloozaFREE
Apr 17Library NightFREE
Apr 24Music TherapyFREE
May 1Sit & FitFREE
May 8Out of this World (Space) .FREE
May 15Life Size GamesFREE
May 22Park Play@White Bank Park..FREE



LIBRARY EVENTS

Join us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for storytime! During storytime, we read books, sing songs, and participate in learning activities. Storytime is geared towards ages 3-5, but all ages are welcome.

Registration is NOT required!

Join us on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for Baby Storytime followed by Stay and Play! Baby storytime is a great social and educational experience for your babies! We sing lots of songs, read a story and most importantly PLAY! It is a wonderful time for your child and you to interact with other children and parents!

Registration is NOT required

Please contact
Ann Dawson (804-520-9384) with any additional questions.



VIOLET BANK MUSEUM EVENTS

Violet Bank Garden Club

Formed at Violet Bank in 1949. The club helps with special projects at the facility such as working with the gardens, hosting special events such as the Christmas Open House and whatever the curator needs the members to do. It is a "treasure" for the city that we need to cherish for generations to come. Our members are delighted in being able to help maintain and help preserve the facilities.

If you would like to know more about the club and what the club does to help showcase Violet Bank Museum and Colonial Heights, please contact Jan Pingel at 804-731-3599. The club meets on the third MON at noon from September through June.

Violet Bank Stitchers From The Heart

This group meets at Violet Bank Museum every Tues from 10:00am-12pm to create beautiful items for those in need. Items include hats, scarves, baby blankets, cotton wash cloths, toys, pet cage cozies and more. The group gratefully accepts yarn donations, just drop it off during normal museum operating hours. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile endeavor. Any skill level is welcome to join the group.

Community Yard Sale

Community Yard Sale on the grounds at Violet Bank Museum. \$5.00 for a 10' by 10' space; tables, chairs, and tents are not provided, so please bring your own. Sale starts at 7am, no early birds please! You can reserve your space by calling (804)520-9395 or just drop-in the day of to set up where space is available.

Raindate: Sat, May 4, 2024
Sat 4/27 7am-12pm

Cucumber Tree

Peak Tree Viewing for the Cucumber Tree is usually the first half of the month of May. While you are out enjoying the Fort Clifton Festival, stop by and see the tree in all its loveliness. The Cucumber Tree was planted in 1718 on land that would later become known as Violet Bank. Each spring for the last 305 years the tree has awakened from its winter's rest to leaf out and flower, with its signature seed cones appearing as the flowers drop from the tree.



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

Senior Transportation

Hours of Operation are MON-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (With services being provided from 8:15a.m. to 3:45 p.m.) and Sat (for special circumstances) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (With services being provided from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Service is available to Colonial Heights residents who are at least 60 years of age, and adult special needs or handicapped. Transportation will be available to and from most Colonial Heights destinations and to a few out of City medical appointments only.

Registration for services is required and is available by calling Senior Transportation at (804)520-9219. Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance. There are no fees for transportation services, but donations are accepted.

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

Play All Day
VA Day

06.20.24

Join us for a full day of FREE activities as we celebrate the longest day of the year!
A list of activities will be available soon. Check the Recreation & Parks website and Facebook page for more details and the release of our activities.

www.facebook.com/colonialheightsrec/

Riverside Theater 2024 Trips

Depart center at 10am – return approximately 6:30pm
Cost: \$99 per show (includes transportation, lunch, show & gratuity)
Tips have already been added to your trip price but feel free to tip more if you choose
Contact the Senior Center at (804)520-9220 to register. Trips fill quickly, so register early.

They're Playing Our Song

(Wednesday, April 3)

In this Neil Simon musical comedy based on the real-life relationship between Marvin Hamlisch and Carole Bayer Sager, an award-winning, wisecracking composer hires a disorganized, oddball lyricist, creating a match not initially made in heaven.

The Wizard of Oz

(Wednesday, June 12)

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

Clue on Stage

(Wednesday, July 24)

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

Attention Swifties

ATTEND A TAYLOR SWIFT VR CONCERT AT THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY. OR, ZIPLINE AT JUNGLE PARK IN HAWAII OR, HIKE THROUGH THE GRAND CANYON

Need a large AI poster for your room?

VISIT THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CREATE AN AI FIREFLY POSTER. SIMPLY ASK AT THE DESK AND THE STAFF WILL GUIDE YOU.

THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY IS CIRCULATING FIDGET READING GAMES; GAMES THAT STRENGTHEN READING SKILLS, WHILE HAVING FUN.

Christmas Spectacular

(Wednesday, December 18)

Experience the excitement, memories, and joy of Christmas as our spectacular cast of singers and dancers present the very heart and essence of the holiday season.

Seniors Calendar

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 Church)
11:00am Line Dancing
12:30pm Pinochle
1:15pm Chair Volleyball
4:00pm Scrapbooking

Tuesday

8:30am Drum Fit 45
8:30am Tap Dancin' Grannies (Post 284)
9:30am Yoga Core
10:30am Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:00am Water Aerobics \$ (VSU)
11:20am Meditation & World Religion
12:00pm Lunch (\$-must register)
12:45pm Bingo
1:45pm It's Game Time
3:00pm.... Open Sew (1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues)
3:00pm Quilts for Vets (last)

Wednesday

8:30am Crochet & Knitting
8:30am Muscles in Motion
9:30am Drum Fit 30
10:05am Balance
11:00am Line Dancing
11:00am.Pickle Ball (Swift Creek Baptist Church)
12:00pm.... Lunch & Learn (must register)
12:00pm... Tech Heads (4th-must register)
12:30pm Party Bridge
1:00pm Mexican Train Dominoes

Thursday

8:30am Cardio Ball
9:00am Beginner's Line Dancing (St. Ann's)
9:30am Yoga Warrior
10:00am Coffee Break
10:30am Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:20am Meditation & Movement
12:00pm Lunch (\$-must register)
1:15pm Senior Citizens Club Mtg. (4th Thursday at Golden Corral - 11:30am)
1:30pm Open Paint

Friday

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

FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Even though we are now gathering information from DMV, we continue to rely on you telling us all year long when you do buy and sell or otherwise dispose of vehicles or other personal property. Please be sure that not only your correct address shows on your vehicle registration, but, also the Garage Jurisdiction just below your address. It should say Colonial Heights City.

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

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR US ALL

- *Elderly and Disabled Real Estate Tax Relief applications are due by March 31. You must provide the documents noted on the application.*
- *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 or visit our new DMV Select located in City Hall*
- *Colonial Heights does not pro-rate personal property tax. If you owned the vehicle or other property on January 1, 2024, you will pay taxes for the entire year in Colonial Heights regardless of when you move or when you sold it.*

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



The Colonial Heights City Council is seeking to fill existing vacancies on city boards, commissions, and committees with qualified city residents who have expressed a desire to serve the community in a special way.

Download an application on the City's website by searching "boards and commissions" or call at Clerk of Council at 804-520-9360

FILING DEADLINE to Run for Local Office is June 18, 2024 at 7:00PM

**FOUR CITY COUNCIL SEATS
AND THREE SCHOOL BOARD
SEATS WILL BE ON THE
BALLOT IN 2024.**

(TERM BEGINS JAN. 1, 2025 AND ENDS DEC. 31, 2028)

QUESTIONS?

SEE CANDIDATE INFORMATION AT

ELECTIONS.VIRGINIA.GOV

OR CALL THE

COLONIAL HEIGHTS GENERAL REGISTRAR

804-520-9277



*** VIRGINIA ***
**DEPARTMENT
of ELECTIONS**

Energy Assistance Programs through Social Services



3 ways to apply

1. Screen for eligibility and/or apply online through www.commonhelp.virginia.gov
2. Call 1-855-635-4370 to apply over the phone
3. Call 804-717-6825 to request a paper application

Must meet income and criteria guidelines



For further assistance call the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Department of Social Services Assessment and Resource Team: (804) 748-1100.

<u>Crisis Assistance</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Heating equipment assistance and deposits	November 1st - March 15th
Heating fuel and primary heat expense utility bill	The first workday in January - March 15th
<u>Fuel Assistance</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Heating expenses	2nd Tuesday in October through mid-November
Eligibility Determination: late-December	
<u>Cooling Assistance</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Electric bills, deposits, air conditioning, and heat pump repairs	June 15th - August 15th
<u>Energy Share</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Low fuel, electric, and gas disconnection notices	Year-round funds are available

Must exhaust all other state and federal resources

Coming Soon!

Best Yard Contest

Planning & Community Development will be holding a contest to recognize residents with the most well-maintained yards in Colonial Height! Check The City's Website in the coming months for more details.

GRASS CUTTING SEASON STARTS APRIL 1st!

Please ensure any grass, weeds, or other foreign growth is maintained below 12 inches in height.



2024 Fort Clifton Art • Music • Crafts Festival

Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free Admission and Parking

Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, May 11

10:30 am to 4:30 pm

- Art, Crafts, Live Music, Beer & Wine, Food and Kids Area

10:30 am

- Welcome – Mayor Greg Kochuba
- Tussing Elementary Choir

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

- Bustin' Loose Party Band

Sunday, May 12

10:30 am to 4:30 pm

- Art, Crafts, Live Music, Beer & Wine, Food and Kids Area

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

- Lost in the Shuffle Band



Over 100 Exhibitors

Concessions

Children's Amusements

On-site ATM Available

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



COLONIAL HEIGHTS JUVENILE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE PRESENTS...

STAND FOR THE CHANGE NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE



This is a FREE event in collaboration with the James House to raise awareness about violence and abuse. There will be VENDORS, RESOURCES, FOOD, GOODIES, T-SHIRTS, AND MUCH MORE! Come out to support the cause for a safer community and engage with one another!

Join us for the
#NoExcuseForAbuse
walk. Show your
support by sharing
this message and
bringing your family
and friends!

UNITY

For more information contact:
(804)520-9286 | chjdvf@gmail.com

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Community Center 157 Roanoke Ave, Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Roundtrip Route: Community Center to the Courthouse and back

Date: Thursday, April 18th, 2024
6 PM - 8 PM
(Rain Date: Thursday, April 25th, 2024 6 PM - 8 PM)

Stay Tuned for Registration Details.
Follow the City Website and Social Media Pages



**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY/COLONIAL HEIGHTS
CRIME SOLVERS**

A Valuable Tool to Assist Law Enforcement to Solve Crimes

Mission Statement

Crime Solvers serves Chesterfield County and the city of Colonial Heights with a program for people to anonymously assist law enforcement in solving crime.

All tipsters are guaranteed to remain anonymous. If your tip leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$5,000.00.

There are three ways to submit an anonymous tip:

- Tip Line - (804)748-0660 (answered through a call center located in another state).
- Through our website - Crimesolvers.net or
- Through our P3 Tips App.



CHOOSE COLONIAL HEIGHTS

The City of Colonial Heights Economic Development and Tourism has launched a new website: ChooseColonialHeights.com

The website hosts information that can be used by realtors, developers, and anyone looking for available space or property to locate a business.

There is also information regarding different resources that could be helpful for new or existing businesses.

Since the department also handles tourism, there is a section titled "Explore" that provides a list on the wonderful parks located in the city, as well as shopping and dining, and various attractions throughout the city.

For more information call: (804)898-3002



TRI-CITY CHILI PEPPERS
THE YEAR OF COSMIC BASEBALL
2024
CHILIPEPPERSBASEBALL.COM

JOIN US
FOR OUR ANNUAL
Colonial
Heights

"CITY CLEAN-UP /ADOPT-A-ROADWAY" EVENT

DATE:

**Saturday
April 27th, 2024**

WHEN:

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE:

**Groups/Volunteers will
meet briefly in the
Community Building on
Roanoke Avenue at
8:00am.**

To register visit
www.colonialheightsva.gov
(Community Spotlight)

This event is intended for the "Adopt-A-Roadway" program here in the city. Materials for the event will be available at the Community Building on Roanoke Avenue starting at 8:00AM.



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**FREE
T-SHIRT**

We look forward to seeing everyone there and thank you for all your support in keeping our city clean!

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (804) 520-9372,
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. OR
EMAIL DIXONP@COLONIALHEIGHTSVA.GOV

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