

# Colonial Heights

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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 Fallween 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!

## Contact the City Manager



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# COUNCIL MEETINGS

## February

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

## March

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

## April

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

## May

|        |   |        |
|--------|---|--------|
| May 7  | Planning Commission<br>-Council Chambers          | 6:00pm |
| May 14 | City Council Regular Meeting<br>-Council Chambers | 7:00pm |
| May 21 | City Council Work Session<br>-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 .....                        | <b>DIAL 911</b> |
| 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   |
| JUVENILE & 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   |
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| 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](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov) and  
click on the homepage "**Community  
Spotlight**" Link to get started!

## 2 CITY SERVICES:



**SIGN UP FOR ALERTS ►**

# 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**



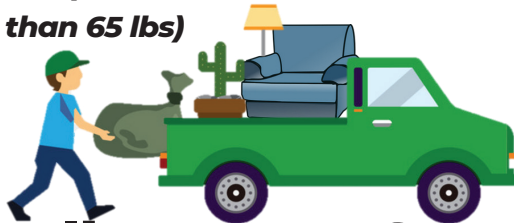
# Spring Cleaning Bulky Waste Collection Services

## Colonial Heights /CVWMA

### What is Bulky Waste?

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

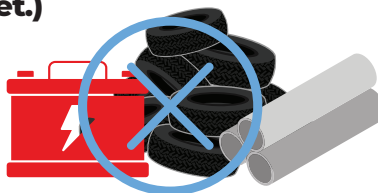
- Bagged Leaves & Yard Waste (*Must be bundled/cut to 4ft length and weigh less than 65 lbs*)
- Furniture
- Appliances
- Extra bags of trash.



### 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



### 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:

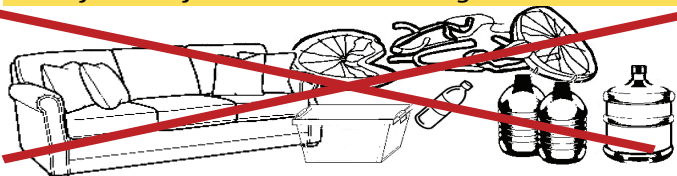
- Visit [CVWMA.com/ch-trash-service](https://www.cvwma.com/ch-trash-service) or call 804-340-0900 to schedule your **FREE** Bulky Waste Collection.
- **ALL** requests must be made prior to 2pm the day before regular trash collection.

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.

### 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.

### 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.

Place your cart(s) carefully & leave 3 feet of space on all sides! Have your cart(s) at the curb the night before your scheduled pickup.

#### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Most collection trucks are automated with an electronic arm that grabs and empties the cart. This efficient process streamlines collection and prevents work-related injuries.



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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA...



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm.

Fort Clifton Park. **Free**

### Puzzle Puzzloozie

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>! All equipment/materials will be provided. Parent participation required. Participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-Registration required.

Sat, May 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

**Theme:** St. Patrick's Day STEM

Thur, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

**Theme:** Earth Day STEM

Thur, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

**Little Bunnies**

Tues, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

**Speedy Turtles**

Tues, May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup>: 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Textured Paints.

Mon, Apr 29<sup>th</sup>: 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 2pm-3pm.

Tues, Apr 9<sup>th</sup>. 2pm-3pm.

Tues, May 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 2pm-3pm.

Tues, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2pm-3pm.

Tues, May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 2pm-3pm.

Wed, May 1<sup>st</sup>. 2pm-3pm.

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



## Wild Child

Recommended for Grades K-5. Calling all homeschooleders 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 2pm-3pm.

Tues, May 14<sup>th</sup>. 2pm-3pm.

White Bank Park. Free.

## Picasso in the Parks

Recommended for Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 1pm-2pm.

Wed, May 1<sup>st</sup>. 1pm-2pm.

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

## Wild Teens

Recommended for Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 1pm-2pm.

Tues, May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>: 11am-12pm.

#### Birding Buddies

Mon, May 6<sup>th</sup>: 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 11am-12pm.

Fri, May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 3:30pm-5pm.  
Thur, May 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9:30pm.  
Fri, May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 6 .....Construction Creations..FREE

\*Mar 13 .....St. Patrick's Day Party ....FREE

Mar 20 .....Open Mic Night .....FREE

\*Mar 27 .....Easter Party .....FREE

Apr 3 .....Bingo .....FREE

Apr 10 .....Artapalooza .....FREE

Apr 17 .....Library Night.....FREE

Apr 24 .....Music Therapy .....FREE

May 1 .....Sit & Fit.....FREE

May 8 .....Out of this World (Space) .FREE

May 15 .....Life Size Games.....FREE

May 22 .....Park Play@White Bank Park..FREE



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 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 Stitches 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!**

**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/](http://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.

### 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)

*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.



## 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 prorate 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](mailto:feasenmyerw@colonialheightsva.gov) or 804 520-9281

City Focus - Spring Edition 2024



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](https://elections.virginia.gov)

OR CALL THE

**COLONIAL HEIGHTS GENERAL REGISTRAR**  
**804-520-9277**



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## Energy Assistance Programs through Social Services

### 3 ways to apply

1. Screen for eligibility and/or apply online through [www.commonhelp.virginia.gov](https://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

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

**Must meet income and criteria guidelines**

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

\*Must exhaust all other state and federal resources\*



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# Best Yard Contest

Planning & Community Development will be holding a contest to recognize residents with the most well-maintained yards in Colonial Heights! 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



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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!



For more information contact:  
(804) 520-9286 | [Chjdvt@gmail.com](mailto:Chjdvt@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](http://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](http://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

## 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](http://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.



&

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](mailto:DIXONP@COLONIALHEIGHTSVA.GOV)

## CITY FOCUS

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