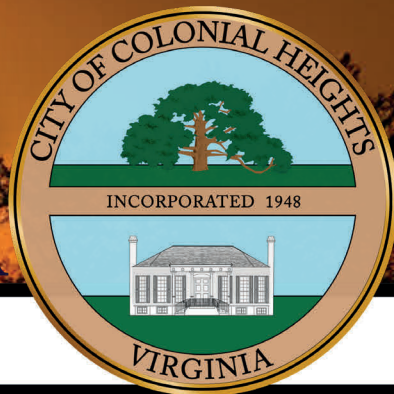


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COUNCIL COLUMN

John E. Piotrowski, Councilman

Dear Citizens,

As summer draws to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful season we've shared and look ahead to an exciting school year filled with new opportunities and projects in our community.

We hope you've enjoyed the sunny days, local events, and family time that summer brings. As students prepare to head back to school, we encourage everyone to embrace this transition with enthusiasm and optimism. Education is a cornerstone of our community, and we look forward to seeing our students flourish in the months ahead.

This year, we are excited to announce several projects and new businesses that will enhance our community. A big project to highlight is the reconstruction on Roanoke Avenue. The work will include new water and sewer lines, total reconstruction of the pavement, and sidewalk expansion.

Additionally, the City and VDOT began a federal-aid project to improve the intersection of Temple and Boulevard to mitigate congestion. The project will provide additional turn lanes from Route 1 onto Temple Avenue, a new traffic signal system with mast arms, curb & gutter, and ADA curb ramps. This project will help provide a safer intersection and provide the required capacity for future traffic volumes.

The City has completed pavement preservation operations in the neighborhoods surrounding North Elementary School. In addition, the City is planning to pave Hamilton Ave., Conduit Rd. from River Oaks, north to Heron Run, and various neighborhood streets north of Shepherd Stadium this year. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work to improve our streets that help make traveling in, around, and through Colonial Heights safer for everyone.

In addition to these city street improvement projects, we have several businesses to welcome to our community. Of those businesses, construction is currently underway for two additional carwash facilities. There is a new Flagstop Carwash being built on Charles Dimmock Parkway and GO Carwash is being built on the Boulevard, adjacent to KFC. You may have also noticed some construction taking place near the round-about off the Interstate 95/Temple Avenue exit which is for a new 121,372 square foot Self-Storage Facility located behind Hardees and the Circle-K gas station.

Additional businesses that have earmarked Colonial Heights as their home include Popeyes, Synergy PT, and a Home2Suites. I am grateful for the businesses that continue to serve our community and appreciate the opportunities for continued growth throughout the city. As we wrap up this season, I want to thank each of you for your continued support and engagement. Your involvement is what makes our community truly special.

I look forward to seeing how we can grow and thrive together in the coming months.

Warm regards,

John E. Piotrowski

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Sept 4th	Planning Commission	6:00pm
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Sept 10th	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
Sept 17th	City Council Special Meeting	6:00 pm
	Council Chambers	

Oct 1st	Planning Commission	6:00pm
	Council Chambers	
Oct 8th	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
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Oct 14th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
Oct. 15th	City Council Special Meeting	6:00 pm
	Council Chambers	

Nov 5th	General Election	
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	Council Chambers	
Nov 11th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
Nov 12th	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
Nov 19th	City Council Special Meeting	6:00 pm
	Council Chambers	
Nov 28th&29th	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	

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
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
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GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 5, 2024

**On the Ballot for City of Colonial Heights:
President and Vice President**

Member, United States Senate
Timothy M. Kaine – D
Hung Cao – R

Member, House of Representatives 4th District
Jennifer L. McClellan – D
William J. "Bill" Moher III – R

Member, City Council
Vote for not more than four

Len F. Hall Jr.
Robert W. "Bobby" Wade
T. Gregory Kochuba
Tricia L. Palmer
Brad E. Slaybaugh
Daniel J. LaLonde
Craig R. Skalak

Member, School Board
Vote for not more than three

Debbie Mayes Walwer
Angie K. Woody
Joseph O. "Joe" Cox, Jr.
Keith R. Kapinskis

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Write-ins are permissible for all offices.

Last day to register to vote or to update existing registration is October 15, 2024. In-person early voting at the City Hall Registrar's office begins September 20, 2024 and will be available through Saturday, November 2, 2024. To receive an absentee ballot by mail, an application must be submitted by October 25, 2024.

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

To register to vote, check your registration status, or apply to vote by mail, go to www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal or call the Registrar's office at 804-520-9277. Please see the City's website www.colonialheightsva.gov, under Registrar/Director of Elections, for voting information.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY COMING!

We are interested in your opinions, experiences and preferences related to the physical development of Colonial Heights. Look out for a survey in your mail in the coming months. It will only take you a few minutes to answer the survey. Your input matters!

Opioid Settlement Planning Survey

Colonial Heights is receiving opioid settlement dollars over the next 18 years from the National Opioid Settlement. We value your input in helping us determine how the city should spend this funding. **Please take a few minutes and complete the survey to share your opinion by September 20, 2024.** If you prefer to complete a printed copy of the survey please contact the Colonial Heights Office on Youth and Human Services at (804)520-9286.





From The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

Alfred Gray Collins, III
Commonwealth's Attorney

It's the most wonderful time of the year again, NEW LAWS for the Commonwealth of Virginia went into effect July 1, 2024! If you'd like to review the entirety of these, you can go to: [Bill Tracking - 2024 session > Legislation \(virginia.gov\)](https://www.bills2024.com/legislation/virginia). While there are lots of new laws (and modifications to others), I thought I'd go over some of the laws that affect what is most dear to our community, our beloved pets.

To begin, the Virginia General Assembly has passed legislation to allow localities (like Colonial Heights) to create a registry of animal cruelty that is accessible to the public.

This provides that such a registry may include the names and relevant information of persons convicted of certain felony offenses for animal cruelty and that a person on such registry may request removal of his name after 15 years, provided that he/she has no additional felony convictions of an animal cruelty offense.

Next, an amendment to an existing animal cruelty law provides that any person convicted of felony cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of companion or equine animals for life and any person convicted of misdemeanor cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of such animals for a period of up to five years.

Under current law, such prohibition is limited to companion animals and a period equal to the statutory maximum period of incarceration. The new language also specifies that a court may order that any animal possessed or owned by such person may be disposed of by a local governing body or delivered to another person with a right of property in the animal. This new law further provides that any person who has his/her rights to possession or ownership of companion or equine animals prohibited pursuant to a felony conviction may petition the court where such conviction occurred for a restoration of his/her rights after five years from the date of conviction.

Finally, there is new legislation that extends the time for adjudication on dangerous dog cases.

This new language amends sections 3.2-6549 and 3.2-6540.03 to require the court, unless good cause is determined by the court, to hold the evidentiary hearing pursuant to the dangerous dog summons within 30 days or as soon as practicable from the issuance of the summons. Under current law, the court is required to hold such hearing not more than 30 days from the issuance of the summons.

If you are looking for a great cause to help, please think about donating to our animal shelter here in Colonial Heights. Donations of food, toys, and blankets are always appreciated by our furry friends at the shelter.

As always, if you have a question or concern about any law or criminal court matter, please contact me or my office at (804) 520-9293.

FROM THE BILLING & COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT FALL 2024 - IMPORTANT DATES



Christina Sadler
Director of Finance

November 1, 2024 – Dog and Cat tags are now on sale. The City is now providing the issuance of a lifetime license for dogs and cats over four months of age. \$25.00 for an unneutered or unspayed dog or cat. \$10.00 for a neutered or spayed dog or cat. Must provide a current rabies certificate.

November 15, 2024 the 2nd half of 2024 Real Estate Taxes are due. In order to avoid penalty and interest, these taxes must be paid by November 15, 2024. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from any late charges. Please mail or bring your bill with you when making payment.

December 5, 2024, the 2nd half of 2024 Personal Property Taxes are due. In order to avoid penalty and interest, these taxes must be paid by this date. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from any late charges. Please mail or bring your bill with you when making payment. Please pay all Personal Property taxes by due date to avoid a Vehicle Registration Stop being placed at DMV.

The DROP BOX is also available for all payments.

If you prefer to pay by credit card, you may visit the City website at:

www.colonialheightsva.gov/epayments.

There will be a nominal fee charged for this service if using a debit or credit card. No additional fee will apply for payments made by echecks, checks, or cash. No paid receipts will be returned, unless requested with a self-addressed stamped envelope.



www.colonialheightsva.gov/epayments

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

City of Colonial Heights, Billing & Collections
P. O. Box 3401, 201 James Ave.
Colonial Heights, VA 23834-9001



Yard of the Year

Nominate your yard or a neighbor's yard for a chance to be voted a "YARD OF THE YEAR" WINNER!

For more information, visit:
colonialheightsva.gov
or contact:
Planning & Community Development
201 James Avenue
804-520-9297
planning@colonialheightsva.gov

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ARE YOU ON A LIMITED/FIXED INCOME? IS YOUR HOME IN NEED OF REPAIRS?

The City's Home Repair Program is a HUD-sponsored grant program to assist low to moderate-income residents with repairs and upgrades such as (but not limited to):

* Roof replacements and repairs * Front porch replacements and repairs * Electric amp upgrades and outlet replacement

* The sealing of windows, doors, and crawl spaces * Installation of deadbolt locks and flood lights

* Conversion of bathtubs to showers to prevent slips and falls * Conversion of carpet to hard surface floors to prevent slips and falls *

* Installation of both room grab bars, shower seats, and raised toilets

To know more about the Home Repair Program call the Planning & Community Development Department at (804) 520-9297

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 Red Ball Tennis League

The USTA Mid-Atlantic Red Ball Team League is a new and exciting team-based program aimed at introducing young players from third through sixth grade to the sport of tennis. Our new red ball team league offers initial instruction and practice and then transitions to weekly match play, creating an atmosphere of learning and fun! Players can expect to be placed on a team and play singles and doubles with a simplified scoring format. Players will receive a racquet, ball, and instructions for practicing at home. When not playing matches, players will be cross training and learning the game of Pickleball!

Boys and Girls in Grades: 3 - 6

Tuesdays/Thursdays

9/10 - 10/20 6:00pm CHMS Courts
\$60 (Call about scholarships)

Serve It Up!

4-Week Beginner/Intermediate Pickleball

Hone your skills or learn the ropes at our weekly Pickleball Night! This 4-week inclusive program welcomes players of all levels. Beginners will build confidence with fundamental drills, while intermediate players can push their skills further. Focused stations target specific techniques, and modified doubles games ensure everyone has a fun and competitive experience. It's a great chance to meet fellow pickleball enthusiasts and celebrate the sport together!

*Pre-Registration Required

(Limited to 24/session) / Ages 12+

Sept Session Mon 9/9-9/30

Oct Session Mon 10/7-10/28

\$12/session 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Lakeview Park Pickleball Courts

Serve It Up 55+!: 4-Week Beginner/Intermediate Pickleball

Hone your skills or learn the ropes at our weekly Pickleball Night! This 4-week inclusive program welcomes players of all levels. Beginners will build confidence with fundamental drills, while intermediate players can push their skills further. Focused stations target specific techniques, and modified doubles games ensure everyone has a fun and competitive experience. It's a great chance to meet fellow pickleball enthusiasts and celebrate the sport together!

*Pre-Registration Highly Recommended
(Limited to 24/session) / Ages 55+

Sept Session- Thurs 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26
Oct Session- Thurs 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24
8:00 am-10:00 am \$12/Session
Lakeview Park Pickleball Courts

Hello/Goodbye Round Robin Pickleball League

This 3-Week Hello/Goodbye Round Robin League has enough room for 24 players per evening, reported scores will be used to publish cumulative weekly win/loss and total points scored standings! Making consistency in participation important!

*Pre-Registration Highly Recommended
(Limited to 24/session)

Sept League Fri 9/6-9/20

Oct League Fri 10/4-10/18

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm \$10/session

Lakeview Park Pickleball Courts

Registration Opens on 9/1/24 for Winter Sports Programs & 2024/25 Youth Cheer

Family Fun:

Halloween Costume Exchange Event

Recommended for all ages. Donate gently used costumes to the Colonial Heights Parks and Recreation Department office. Each donation receives a swap voucher good for a "new-to-you" costume. If you do not find a costume, we will provide a user credit for future programs. See below for drop off details.

Costume Drop Off's:

Mon-Fri, Aug 26-Sept 23

8:30am-5pm Parks and Rec Department

Wed, Aug 28-Sept 11

4:30-7pm Community Center

Exchange Event Date:

Mon, Sept 30. 4-7pm

Free Community Center

The Great Pumpkin Party

Recommended for ages 3+. Join us for a pumpkin party like no other! We will have crafts, pumpkin painting and end the night with an eerie eyes stroll through the park! Bring the family out for a unique time. Parent participation required; parents do not need to register. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Pre-Registration Required.

Fri, Oct 18. 6-9pm

White Bank Park. \$5/Child.

The Eras Night

Recommended for ages 5+. Join us as we travel through Taylor Swift's eras for the night. Bring out your friends for friendship making, dancing, charcutier boards and

more! All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Pre-Registration Required.

Fri, Nov 1. 7-9pm
Community Center. \$5/Person.

Puzzle Puzzlooz

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

Registration Deadline: Dec 4.

Youth & Teen Fun:

Imagination Thursday'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, Sept 19 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Theme: Birds.

Thur, Oct 24 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Theme: Color Mixing.

Thur, Nov 14. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Theme: Building Builders.

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.

Mon, Oct 21. 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Creepy Critters.

Mon, Nov 25: 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Talking Turkey's.

Mon, Dec 2: 5:30-6:30pm.

Holiday Friends.

Senior Center. \$3/Child.

Wild in the Park

Recommended for Grades K-5. Calling all nature explorers 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, Sept 10. 5:30-6:30pm.
White Bank Park. **Free.**

Park Picasso's

Recommended for Grades K-5. Join us at White Bank Park to create some nature inspired art. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide

their own transportation.

Pre-Registration Required.

Tue, Sept 24 5:30-6:30pm
White Bank Park. \$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.

Mon, Nov 4. 5:30-7pm.
Senior Center. \$5/Child.

Dino Discovery

Recommended for Grades K-5. Welcome to the world of giants! Join us to discover and learn more about dinosaurs and decide if you would have wanted to live with these giant creatures. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thur, Nov 7. 5:30-7pm.
Senior Center. \$5/Child.

Artistic Adventures

Recommended for Grades 6-8. We welcome those of all abilities. Join us for a creative evening! Work on various projects from painting canvases and totes. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Mon, Sept 23. Shoe Painting. 5:30-7pm.
Mon, Nov 18. Kitchen Creations. 5:30-7pm.
Senior Center. \$10/Teen.

Youth Intro to Cooking Classes

Ages 5-12

Join us for some fun intro to cooking classes for your child. Each night listed participants will get to work hands on to create fun food for the theme of the night. All supplies are included in the fee.

Fri, 9/13 6pm-8pm **Anything Apples**
\$10 Community Center

Fri, 10/4 6pm-8pm **Pumpkins and More**
\$10 Community Center

Fri, 11/8 6pm-8pm **Turkey Time**
\$10 Community Center

Preschool Fun:

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, Sept 19: Lakeview Park.
Thur, Sept 26: White Bank Park.
Thur, Oct 3: Ft. Clifton Park.
11am-12pm. **Free.**

Tiny Painters

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us for some art out in our parks! We will create some masterpieces and then spend the rest of the time on the playground with our friends. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Pre-Registration Required.

Tue, Sept 24. 11am-12pm.
White Bank Park. \$3/Child.

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, Sept 27. 11am-12pm.
Fri, Oct 25. 11am-12pm.
Fri, Nov 15. 11am-12pm.
Library. **Free.**

Bubble Bonanza

Recommended for ages 1-5. Join staff out at White Bank Park for some bubbles, chalk and ribbon play time! We welcome those of all abilities. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Pre-Registration NOT REQUIRED.

Fri, Oct 4. 10:30am-11:30am.
White Bank Park. **Free**

Silly Monsters

Recommended for ages 3-5. Join us for a silly Halloween themed program! We welcome those of all abilities. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thur, Oct 17 11am-12pm.
Library. **Free**

Story Stroll

Recommended for ages 2-5. Join staff on a short stroll through the park while reading a story. After the stroll complete a craft before heading off to the playground to play with your friends! We welcome those of all abilities. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thur, Oct 31 11am-11:45am.
White Bank Park. **Free.**

Talking Turkeys

Recommended for ages 3-5. Gobble Gobble! Join us to learn what turkeys are saying when they talk to each other in this Thanksgiving themed program. We welcome those of all abilities. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thur, Nov 21. 11am-12pm.
Library. **Free.**

Reindeer Watch

Recommended for ages 3-5. Get in the holiday spirit with this program! Join us as we mix up a batch of reindeer food to take home and more! We welcome those of all abilities. Parent participation is required. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Thur, Dec 5. 11am-12pm.
Library. **Free.**

Picasso in the Parks

Recommended for Grades K-5. Calling all homeschoolers.... Join us at White Bank Park for some fun outdoor art activities. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Pre-Registration Required.

Tues, Sept 24. 2:15-3:15pm.
White Bank Park. \$3/Child.

Homeschool Fun:

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, Sept 10. 2:15pm-3:15pm.
Tues, Oct 1. 2:15pm-3:15pm.
White Bank Park. **Free.**

Home 2 Learn: STEAM

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, Nov 5. 2pm-3pm.
Library. **Free.**

Adventure Artists

Recommended for Grades 6-8th. Join us at White Bank Park for some outdoor art time. All equipment/materials will be provided. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Pre-Registration Required.

Tues, Sept 24. 1-2pm.
White Bank Park. \$3/Child.

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, Sept 10. 1pm-2pm.
Tues, Oct 1. 1pm-2pm.
White Bank Park. **Free.**

Active Lifestyles:

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.

Thur, Sept 12. 5:30pm-7:30pm.
Tues, Oct 1. 5:30-7:30pm.
Fort Clifton Park. \$20/Participant.

Beginner/Intermediate Swing Dance Class

Series (6 Weeks)

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. The beginner class at 7:00 pm will guide you through the fundamentals - moving together, leading and following, and turning those fumbles into fancy footwork. For seasoned dancers, the 8:00 pm intermediate class ups the ante with intricate patterns and challenges to keep you on your toes (and tapping them!). No partner? No problem! Both classes welcome solo adventurers and lovebird duos. Before you know it, you'll be gliding across the floor wherever music plays, leaving a trail of rhythm and smiles in your wake. So, come on down and let's dance!

Sept-Oct Sessions

Wednesdays 9/11-10/16
7:30-830pm (Beginner)
8:30-930 pm (Intermediate)
FREE Community Center

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 9/5-9/26 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thu 10/3-10/31 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thu 11/7-11/28 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 9/3-9/24 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tue 10/1-10/29 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tue 11/5-11/26 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
\$5/class Community Center

Youth 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 9/3-9/24 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Tue 10/1-10/29 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Tue 11/5-11/26 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
\$30 Lakeview Elem. Gym

Adult Martial Arts/Self Defense

Ages 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.

Thur 9/5-9/26 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thur 10/3-10/31 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thur 11/7-11/28 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
\$30 Lakeview Elem. Gym

Fitness Warriors - Overflow with Ebo

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 9/9-9/30 6:00 p.m.
Mon 10/7-10/28 6:00 p.m.
Mon 11/4-11/25 6:00 p.m.
FREE Community Center

Fitness Warriors - Juju's Fit Fix

Ages 13+

We have partnered with Sports backers to bring you this FREE and fun fitness class on Thursday evenings. A 60 minute light and fun cardio class to get the heart rate going and the body moving to some great music.

Thur 9/5-9/26 6:30 p.m.
Thur 10/3-10/31 6:30 p.m.
Thur 11/7-11/28 6:30 p.m.
FREE Community Center



Youth Advisory Council

JOIN YAC!

We are currently accepting applications.

- Receive Volunteer Hours
- Participate in Team Building Activities
- Give Back to the Community
- Partner with the City of Colonial Heights
- Receive incentives for active attendance and new membership (Gift-Cards/Member of the Month Awards)
- Meet like minded individuals

JOIN NOW





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. For new families, please reach out to Hannah Lagana at bellh@colonialheightsva.gov to get set up.

TR Wednesday Classes

5:30-7pm Unless otherwise noted.

Colonial Heights Community Center.

*** Indicates the program will run from**

5:30-7:30pm

Sept 4:	Puzzle Night	FREE
Sept 11:	Life Size Games	FREE
Sept 18:	Park Play @ White Bank Park	FREE
Sept 25:	Dinosaur Night	FREE
Oct 2:	Disney Night	FREE
Oct 9:	Bingo	FREE
Oct 16:	Fall Frenzy	FREE
Oct 23:	Library Night @ Library	FREE
*Oct 30:	Halloween Party	FREE
Nov 6:	Sit & Fit	FREE
Nov 13:	Paint & Sip	FREE
*Nov20:	Thanksgiving Party	FREE
Nov 27:	NO TR	



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.

"Aeronauts of the Civil War"

by Kevin Knapp

Join us in the lovely Lee Parlor for renowned presenter Kevin Knapp in a rare East Coast visit. Mr. Knapp will be talking about Civil War balloons and their uses during that time. The program is suitable for all ages. Registration is not required. Donations gratefully accepted.

Wed 9/4 6pm-8pm

FREE Violet Bank Museum

Lafayette's Birthday Celebration

The Marquis de Lafayette will be the guest of honor at a birthday celebration on the museum grounds. Period flute music by Iris Schwartz. Of course there will be cake and a drink as well. Pre-registration for this event is required! Tours of the Museum offered after the program ends.

Sat 9/7 11am-1pm

FREE Violet Bank Museum

Community Yard Sale

\$5.00 will get you a 10' by 10' space to set up, no tables, chairs or canopies are provided by Violet Bank, please bring your own. Registration is recommended to secure your spot but is not required.

Raindate: Saturday October 12th

Sat 9/28 7am-12pm

\$5/space Violet Bank Museum

Poe Presentation

Vintage spookiness from Edgar Allen Poe as a costumed interpreter gives a dramatic reading of the "Tell Tale Heart". Program suitable for all ages. Registration is not required. Donations gratefully accepted.

Sat 10/19 2pm-4pm

FREE Violet Bank Museum

Office on Youth & Human Services

KIDS' ACHIEVING PROGRESS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

KAP is a referral-based program that provides academic support, mentoring, STEM activities, field trips, community service projects, leadership opportunities, improvement of self-confidence, and social skill development for youths in fourth through sixth grade.

2024 - 2025 School Year

Free Program!

Program held in 3 Elementary Schools

CALL TODAY TO APPLY

Christian Velez-Ortiz | Youth Program Coordinator
(804)524-8752
Velez-ortizc@colonialheightsva.gov
201 James Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Get Your Kids Moving: The Power of Play in Youth Sports!

Looking for ways to help your child stay active, make friends, and learn valuable life skills? Look no further than the Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks department! We offer a fantastic range of recreational sports programs designed to get kids moving and having fun.

But here's the thing: Parents, you play a vital role in making this happen! Here's how you can be a champion for your child's health and well-being:

- **Be the Spark:** Introduce your child to different sports and activities. Let them explore their interests and discover hidden talents!
- **Registration Rockstar:** Take the initiative! The Recreation and Parks department offers a variety of programs, but registration is on you. Don't wait - sign them up and be their cheerleader!
- **Encouragement Extraordinaire:** Be your child's biggest fan! Celebrate their effort, sportsmanship, and teamwork, not just wins.
- **Focus on Fun:** Remember, it's about having a positive experience, not just winning. Let your child enjoy the process of learning and playing. The Recreation and Parks department is here to support you!

Our staff work hard to create a diverse range of programs that cater to different ages, interests, and skill levels. Their focus? Making sure everyone has the opportunity to participate in a healthy and fun environment.

Let's work together! By registering your child and offering enthusiastic support, we can create a community that values health, teamwork, and lifelong enjoyment of sports and physical activity.

SO GET OUT THERE AND PLAY!



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.



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE CITY OPERATES? APPLY NOW FOR THE SPRING 2025 CITIZENS GOVERNMENT ACADEMY

The program provides residents with an opportunity to learn more about the operations and services of their City government. Program participants meet with City representatives at designated locations each week. Information about operations and services are shared through hands on activities, demonstrations, group discussions, and/or site tours.

- Spring 2025 Program
- March – May 2025 (FREE 8-week program)
- Thursday evenings, 6:00 – 8:30 PM (Dinner included)
- Applicant must be a City of Colonial Heights resident, age 18+
- Attend at least 7 out of 8 sessions
- Class size is limited

Human Resources Department
(804) 518-5073 or (804) 524-8749
staleya@colonialheightsva.gov
carpenterj@colonialheightsva.gov



If you are interested in being considered for the Spring 2025 academy, complete an application by scanning the QR code or by contacting the Human Resources Department.

Seniors Calendar

MONDAY

8:30am Muscles in Motion
9:30am Tai Chi
9:30am Bowling (League Fee)
10:30am Strength & Stretch
11:00am Pickle Ball (Swift Creek Baptist)
11:30am Line Dancing
12:30pm Pinochle
1:30pm Chair Volleyball
4:00pm Scrapbooking

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

8:30am Crochet & Knitting
8:30am Muscles in Motion
10:00am Balance
11:00am Line Dancing
11:00am Pickle Ball (Swift Creek Baptist)
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

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

LET'S GET SOCIAL!!!

We Want to connect with you in new ways!

Did you know you can find us, follow us, and Connect with us on
FACEBOOK YOUTUBE INSTAGRAM

City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade

The 71st Annual Christmas Parade
A longtime Colonial Heights tradition - will occur on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 7:00pm on the Boulevard, starting at Temple Ave and concluding at the Colonial Heights Courthouse.

Applications for this year's Parade will open on August 26th for the 2024 Christmas Parade. Please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (804) 520-9390 or apply online at www.colonialheightsva.gov/christmasparade.

The following entry fees will be required with application:

- Non-Profit (Church, Civic Group, etc.) - \$25.00
- For Profit (Business, Corporate, etc.) - \$50.00
- School Marching Bands - NO CHARGE

The deadline to submit an application for the Christmas Parade is Friday, November 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (804) 520-9390. We are also accepting sponsorships for the 2024 Christmas Parade. Visit the Christmas Parade page on our website at www.colonialheightsva.gov/christmasparade for information on becoming a sponsor for this year's City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade or call us at (804)520-9390.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEAF REMOVAL

FALL 2024/WINTER 2025

Convenient Service During Fall Season

The City of Colonial Heights Department of Public Works is pleased to announce that convenient leaf removal services will be provided in city neighborhoods again this year. Each fall, residents collect and stockpile loose leaves along city streets, which city crews remove and make available to local recycling businesses. During the 2023/24 season, city crews collected approximately **2,600 cubic** yards of leaves.



Bagged Leaves (Require Bulk Waste Service Request)

Bagged leaves that are not placed inside trash carts are considered "bulk waste".

- A bulk waste service request must be completed by 2:00pm on the Tuesday before collection.
- Call **CVWMA at (804)340-0900** or submit a bulk waste request online at <https://cvwma.com/cvwma-locations/colonial-heights/>
- Bagged leaves may be collected year round and may be placed at the curbside with regular trash cart on regular trash collection days if a bulk waste service request is submitted on-time.

Neighborhood Service Areas

Leaf removal operations will occur in four main service areas, each consisting of three to four neighborhoods. (See page 11 for service areas and schedules)

- Signs will be installed on adjacent thoroughfares to let residents know in advance when service is scheduled in their area.
- Service timeframes in each area are subject to change depending on inclement weather conditions and other events beyond the City's control.

Fall Curbside (Loose-Leaf) Collection Service Hours

Leaves will be collected and removed from 7:30 AM through 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning November 13, 2023 and ending February 29, 2024 except on holidays (weather delays may affect this collection schedule).

Preparing Leaves for City Collection

- Residents are asked to **place leaf piles behind the curb or behind the edge of pavement along the street** one week before service is scheduled to begin in their neighborhood, as **only one (1) pass** will be made on each street during the scheduled collection service for the area.
- Leaves that are not placed out before regularly scheduled removal times will be removed during the next regularly scheduled service in the area.
- City crews cannot remove leaves from private property, so leaf piles must be placed behind the curb or behind the edge of pavement along the street which is the city right-of-way.
- Leaf piles need to be free of tree branches, lumber, steel, rock, concrete or other debris. (Hard objects mixed with leaves are hazardous and may damage leaf vacuum equipment causing unnecessary time and expense to repair or replace.

Neighborhood Parking During Leaf Removal Service

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

Residents may contact the Public Works Department at (804)520-9372 for more information about this convenient neighborhood service.



Neighborhood Leaf Removal Schedule

Fall 2024/Winter 2025

AREA #1 Sherwood Hills, Lakeview & Toll House

Scheduled Pickup Dates

11/12/24 - 11/22/24

01/09/25 - 01/21/25

No Pickup on City Holiday

01/20/25

AREA #3 Edinborough & Fort Clifton

Scheduled Pickup Dates

12/10/24 - 12/20/24

02/04/25 - 02/14/25

AREA #4 Oak Hill, Shepherd Stadium, Violet Bank-Flora Hill & Westover-Snead

Scheduled Pickup Dates

12/23/24 - 01/07/25

02/18/25 - 02/28/25

No Pickup on City Holidays

12/24/24 & 12/25/24

01/01/25 & 02/17/25

AREA #2 Ellerslie, Mount Pleasant & Southpark

Scheduled Pickup Dates

11/25/24 - 12/09/24

01/22/25 - 02/03/25

No Pickup on City Holidays

11/28/24 & 11/29/24



FALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Ft, Clifton Park | 100 Brockwell Lane

26 | OCTOBER
10AM-3PM

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS
PUMPKIN DECORATING
MOONBOUNCES
SCARECROW PUPPETS
COSTUME CONTEST

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FAMILY FUN

Visit
www.colonialheightsva.gov

Choose COLONIAL HEIGHTS

Colonial Heights Economic Development and Tourism has a 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 division 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



CRIME SOLVERS

CHESTERFIELD | COLONIAL HEIGHTS

Light up the Night Against Crime 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Registration 5:30 p.m.

Run Starts 7 p.m.

White Bank Park

400 White Bank Road

Colonial Heights

We need your help!

Food • Music • Trophies • Run for Time

Cost: \$30

Students: \$20

(18 & under)

Late Registration: \$35

(after 9/30)



Scan QR code or go to
www.crimesolvers.net
(scroll to 5K Run/Walk)

Sponsorship Information:

PLATINUM

\$2500

Prominent Display of Logo/Name
on Back of Race T-Shirts
6 Complimentary Tickets to Event

GOLD

\$1500

Prominent Display of Logo/Name
on Back of Race T-Shirts
5 Complimentary Tickets to Event

SILVER

\$1000

Prominent Display of Logo/Name
on Back of Race T-Shirts
3 Complimentary Tickets to Event

BRONZE

\$500

Logo/Name on Back of Race T-Shirts
2 Complimentary Tickets to Event

MARKER

\$100

Logo/Name on Back of Race T-Shirts
and Kilometer Sign on Trail

Questions? Contact Mike Beavers 804-356-0012 or Crimesolvers5k@gmail.com

COLONIAL HEIGHTS ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION EVENT

301 CHARLES H. DIMMOCK PKWY
COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA 23834

OCTOBER 19TH
12:00PM-2:30PM

COME MEET OUR ADOPTABLE ANIMALS!

- ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
- PUMPKIN CARVING
- PUMPKIN PAINTING AND MORE!

COME IN YOUR BEST COSTUME! WE WILL HAVE A DESIGNATED PHOTO AREA FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO HAVE PHOTO OPS!

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