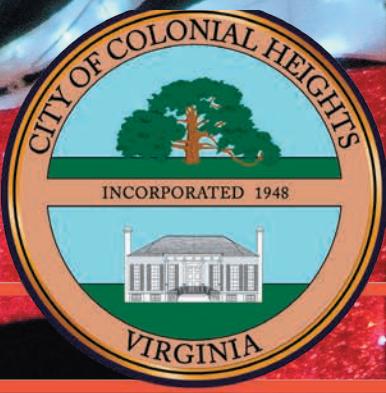


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COUNCIL COLUMN

Craig R. Skalak

Dear residents,

As we near the end of 2025, I'd like to provide City updates as of this October writing.

Council Actions

- Approved a balanced budget that includes funding for Capital Improvement Projects, equipment, employee compensation adjustments, and the City taking on 80% of the increased cost for all employee Health Insurance plans, and funding for Colonial Heights Public Schools.
- Approved an ordinance to limit new recreational substance retailers to industrial zoned districts and provides other required conditions.
- Council also hired our new City Attorney, Andrew Meyer. Mr. Meyer most recently served as a senior attorney for the City of Chesapeake. Please join Council in welcoming Andrew and his family to our community.

City Projects

- Completed the parking lot project at the Community Center.
- Completed installation of 155 additional chair back seats at Shepherd Stadium.
- Completed roof replacement, new lighting, and painting at both White Bank Park pavilions.
- Transportation Alternatives Program grant funded sidewalk project on Conduit Rd. (north of Colonial Heights High School) began in October. Repaving of Conduit Rd. (Ellerslie Ave. to Riveroaks Dr.) to begin after the sidewalk project is completed.
- Violet Bank Museum Phase II restoration (completes exterior repairs) and new splash pad project at Flora M. Hill Park planned for completion in 2026; Appomattox River Trail Phase 5 is scheduled for completion in spring of 2027.
- Pavement Preservation completed with mill and overlay of pavement on Sherwood Hills Dr., Fairmont Dr., Forestview Dr., and Swift Creek Ln., totaling 2.25 miles of rehabilitated pavement.
- Thanks to staff, participating vendors, and all who attended to make the City's Oktoberfest event a tremendous success.

We hope everyone will come out and enjoy our upcoming holiday events included in this issue of the City Focus; Christmas Tree Illumination, Christmas Parade, Violet Bank Museum programs and VA250 events. Soon the City will be announcing upcoming events to celebrate CH100, marking the 100 year anniversary since becoming a town.

On behalf of City Council, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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Upcoming Important Dates

November 2025

November 27&28 City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)

December 2025

December 2	Christmas Parade Boulevard	7:00pm
December 3	Planning Commission Council Chambers	6:00pm
December 9	City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	7:00pm
December 24 & 25	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	

January 2026

January 1	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
January 6	Planning Commission Council Chambers	6:00pm
January 13	City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	7:00pm
January 16 & 17	City Council Retreat	

February 2026

February 3	Planning Commission Council Chambers	6:00pm
February 10	City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	7:00pm
February 16	City Holiday (Government Offices Closed)	
February 17	City Council Special Meeting Council Chambers	6:00pm

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
General District Court	(804)520-9346
Juv & Domestic Relations District Court	(804)451-0213
Library	(804)520-9384
Office on Youth & Human Services	(804)520-9286
Planning & Community Development	(804)520-9297
Recreation & Parks	(804)520-9390
Registrar/Director of Elections	(804)520-9277
Sheriff	(804)520-9352
Street Maintenance	(804)520-9372
Treasurer	(804)520-9321
Utilities Billing	(804)520-9288



City's First Oktoberfest Event a Success!

The Colonial Heights Recreation & Parks Department, Tourism Office, and other City departments joined forces to present the 1st Oktoberfest event on Saturday October 25th at White Bank Park. The event included live music by The Sauerkrauts and Nashville recording artist Paul Childers, as well as, craft vendors, and yard games. German style food was provided by The Optimist Club of Colonial Heights, and additional food offerings included Barbecue, cupcakes, coffee and drinks. Of course, there was a beer garden with German style beers thanks to the Tri-City Chili Peppers and the Colonial Heights Kiwanis Club.

Over 1,500 people attended this first-time event and plans are being made to bring the event back in 2026.



Please visit the Tourism webpage at www.colonialheightsva.com for a listing of this and other City events coming in 2026.



Welcome Our New City Attorney!

COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA – On September 9, 2025, the Colonial Heights City Council unanimously voted to appoint Andrew A. Meyer as the next City Attorney, effective October 8, 2025. Mr. Meyer succeeds former City Attorney Hugh P. "Chip" Fisher, III, who retired after 19 years of dedicated service to the City.

Mr. Meyer joins Colonial Heights from the City of Chesapeake, where he served as an Assistant City Attorney for more than four years. In his most recent role, he was lead counsel for Chesapeake's Department of Development and Permits, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Department of Information Technology. Before joining Chesapeake, Mr. Meyer practiced law as a solo practitioner for approximately 12 years. Before that, his first position as an attorney was an Assistant Law Director for the City of Cleveland.

Mr. Meyer holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from Ohio University, where he double majored in Political Science and History.

"We are very excited to have Andrew as part of the City team," said Mayor Greg Kochuba. "He brings vast experience and knowledge to the City Attorney's Office." Please join us as we welcome Mr. Meyer, his wife, and their two children to the Colonial Heights community.

Winter Holiday Fire Safety



Did you know?

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- ✓ Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- ✓ Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
- ✓ Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- ✓ If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/holiday and nfpa.org/winter.

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Want to Learn More About
How the City Operates?

**Now Accepting Applications for Spring 2026
Citizens Government Academy**

Ever wondered how your city works? Want to meet the people behind the scenes who keep Colonial Heights running smoothly? Now's your chance!

The City of Colonial Heights is excited to announce we're accepting applications for the **Spring 2026 Citizens Government Academy** --- a FREE 8-week program that offers residents a hands-on, interactive look at the operations and services provided by each department. Participants will have an opportunity to:

- Engage directly with City leaders and staff
- Take part in live demonstrations and group discussions
- Go behind the scenes with tours of City facilities
- Gain a true understanding of how local government impacts daily life

► **Program Information:**

- March – May 2026
- Thursday evenings, 6:00 – 8:00 PM (Light dinner included)
- Must be a City of Colonial Heights resident (age 18 or older)
- Attend at least 7 out of 8 sessions
- Class size is limited – apply early to secure your spot!

Apply today! To be considered for the Spring 2026 academy, complete an application by scanning the QR code above or contacting the Human Resources Department.

Human Resources Department
(804) 518-5073 or (804) 524-8749
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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
- Installation of bath room grab bars, shower seats, and raised toilets
- Conversion of bathtubs to showers to prevent slips and falls
- Conversion of carpet to hard surface floors to prevent slips and falls

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



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Colonial Heights, VA 23834

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Recreation and Parks Office (804)520-9390

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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

157 Roanoke 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 157 Roanoke 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 & Camps

2025/2026 Coed 6U Parent/Child Introduction to Sports

Description: The 2025/2026 Coed 6U Parent/Child Introduction to Sports program is a five-week series held on Mondays, starting the Monday after the second Saturday in January. It guides players in discovering sports activities and games, while educating parents/caregivers on age-appropriate play, child development, and setting realistic expectations. Each 60-minute session involves planned activities and games with player and adult caregiver participation, focusing on introduction rather than competitive teams or scheduled games. If your child's status reads "Ineligible by Grade," update their current grade in your account and retry registration.

Details: Age: 4/up Days: Mon Dates: 1/12-2/09 Time: 06:00 PM-07:30 PM Cost: \$20

Location/Instructor:
Tussing Elementary School/Staff

2025/2026 Coed 10U Developmental Basketball

Description: The 2025/2026 Coed 10U Developmental Basketball program focuses on guiding players in basketball discovery and educating parents on age-appropriate play and child development. It introduces competitive 3v3 games on a smaller court, with four 8-minute quarters. The program starts with weekly Saturday group training in December, followed by team training sessions and eight consecutive Saturday games beginning in January. Groups are formed based on staff evaluations, and a Game Facilitator ensures game flow and assists players and coaches. If a child's status is "Ineligible by Grade," parents should update their account and retry registration.

Details:
Age: All Ages Days: Sat Dates: 1/10-2/28 Time: 12:00 PM-02:30 PM Cost: \$20

Location/Instructor:
Tussing Elementary School/Staff

2025/2026 Coed 8U Instructional Basketball

Description: The 2025/2026 Coed 8U Instructional Basketball program guides players in basketball discovery and educates parents on age-appropriate play and child development. Held on eight consecutive Saturdays starting the second Saturday in January, sessions include 30 minutes of planned activities and 30 minutes of active play. This program does not create competitive teams or scheduled games, focusing instead on active play in a game setting. If a child's status is

"Ineligible by Grade," parents should update their account and retry registration.

Details: Age: All Ages Days: Sat

Dates: 1/10-2/28 Time: 09:00 AM-11:00 AM

Cost: \$20

Location/Instructor:

Tussing Elementary School/Staff

2025/2026 Boys 12U Basketball

Description: The 2025/2026 Boys 12U Basketball program offers a fun, fair, and safe space for players of all abilities. It includes weekly Saturday training in December, team formation before Christmas, two 1-hour team practices per week for three weeks in late December, and eight consecutive Saturday games starting in January. Teams will have one practice per week once games begin and will participate in the Central Virginia Recreation Sports Coalition Basketball League, involving travel for four of eight games. An optional end-of-season tournament is hosted by Petersburg Recreation and Parks Dept in late March. If a child's status is "Ineligible by Grade," parents should update their account and retry registration.

Details: Age: All Ages Days: Daily

Dates: 1/10-2/28 Time: All Day Cost: \$20

Location/Instructor: Location TBD/

2025/2026 Boys 15U Basketball

Description: The 2025/2026 Boys 15U Basketball program offers a fun, fair, and safe space for players of all abilities. It includes weekly Saturday training in December, team formation before Christmas, two 1-hour team practices per week for three weeks in late December, and eight consecutive Saturday games starting in January. Teams will have one practice per week once games begin and will participate in the Central Virginia Recreation Sports Coalition Basketball League, involving travel for four of eight games. An optional end-of-season tournament is hosted by Petersburg Recreation and Parks Dept in late March. If a child's status is "Ineligible by Grade," parents should update their account and retry registration.

Details: Age: All Ages Days: Sat Dates: 1/10-2/28 Time: All Day Cost: \$20

Location/Instructor: Location TBD/

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Time: All Day Cost: \$20

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Details: Age: All Ages Days: Sat Dates: 1/10-2/28

Time: All Day Cost: \$20

Location/Instructor: Location TBD/

2025/2026 Youth Basketball Cheerleading

Description: Early registrants for the 2025/2026 Youth Basketball Cheerleading program will train at the B-Field in October, then at Lakeview Elementary from November to February. Cheerleaders will support U12 and U15 basketball teams in the Central Virginia Recreation Sports Coalition Basketball League, which includes travel for four of eight games. Practices are Monday nights from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Participants need to wear athletic shoes and bring a water bottle. Uniforms are provided, but participants must purchase a red sports bra/tank top, red crop top/body suit, red lollies, white/no-show socks, white cheerleading shoes, and a red/white or blue hairbow. Optional monogrammed items are available from Custom Embroidery, with order forms due by November 15. For more information, contact Coaches Susan Foote (804-704-7891), Tracy Helmich (804-255-0767), or Rene Terry (804-289-0044).

Details: Age: All Ages Days: Mon, Wed

Dates: 10/06-3/27 Time: 05:30 PM-08:30 PM

Cost: \$20

Location/Instructor:

Lakeview Elementary School/

Youth & Teen Fun

Youth Intro to Cooking Classes

Ages 5-12

Join us for some fun intro to cooking classes for your child. For each theme, participants will get to work hands on to create fun edible food. All supplies are included.

Fajitas Fri. Jan 16 6pm - 8pm

Spaghetti & Meatballs Fri. Feb 13 6pm - 8pm

Green Eggs & Ham Fri. Mar 13 6pm - 8pm

Community Building \$10 per class

line dancing! Led by the incredible, nationally recognized instructor Rhonda, this class will teach you everything from basic footwork to complete dances. You'll build confidence with each step and progress to more exciting routines as you go. No partner or experience necessary—just a desire to have fun! Age: 13+

Details: Age: 13/up Days: Tue

Dates: 12/02-2/24 Time: 06:30 PM-08:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Location/Instructor: Colonial Heights Community Center/Rhonda Dickson

Thursday Night Social Dance Series: Community, Connection, and Flow

Description: Join Roger and Denise Underhill for a progressive 6-week series of open dancing at the Colonial Heights Optimist Building. This series is designed for community revitalization and shared growth, providing a dedicated space for consistent practice to bridge the gap between classroom performance and effortless social dancing. It's a weekly gathering for dancers of all types to socialize, collaborate, and share the art form, ensuring you're ready to flow on any dance floor.

Details: Age: 18/up Days: Thur

Dates: 2/05-3/12 Time: 06:00 PM-08:00 PM

Cost: **FREE**

Location/Instructor: Colonial Heights Optimist Club/Roger & Denise Underhill

Overflow with Ebo

Description: 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. This activity is year round and registration is ongoing!

Details: Age: 13/up Days: Mon

Dates: 12/01-2/28 Time: 06:00 PM-07:00 PM

Cost: **FREE**

Location/Instructor: Colonial Heights Community Center/

Introduction to Fly Fishing

Description: Join us for an introductory to Fly Fishing with an angler of 40+ years. This class will go over the basics of fly fishing, equipment to use and how to cast. Participants will end the class with getting to try out casting. We can only take 8 participants at a time, so don't wait to register! All equipment is provided. Must be 8+ to participate. Date: Saturday, November 1st, 2025 Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Location: Colonial Heights Community Building Cost: Free

Details: Age: 8/up Date: 12/12

Time: 06:00 PM-08:00 PM Cost: **FREE**

Location/Instructor: Colonial Heights Community Center/

Adult Martial Arts/ Self Defense

Description: 40+ this class focuses more on techniques and application. Parents who have signed the waiver for youth class are welcome

to attend. Uniform shall be supplied beginning of the second month. There are no contracts. Come join us and conquer yourself. After all, there is no greater adversary than oneself.

Details: Age: 40-99 Days: Thur

Dates: 12/04-2/26 Time: 06:00 PM-07:30 PM

Cost: \$30 per month

Location/Instructor: Lakeview Elementary School/
John Radcliffe

Youth/Family Martial Arts/ Self Defense

Description: This class is geared more towards youth, but parents are highly encouraged to participate without additional fees and signed waiver. Uniforms shall be supplied beginning of the second month, third month for parent. There are no contracts. Discounts are available for multiple siblings. This class focuses on strong basics coupled with contemporary and traditional fundamentals of karate. Sparring is mandatory.

Details: Age: 6-17 Days: Tue

Dates: 12/02-2/24 Time: 06:00 PM-07:30 PM

Cost: \$30 per month

Location/Instructor: Lakeview Elementary School/
John Radcliffe



SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

The Senior Center is located at the Community Building at 157 Roanoke Avenue. It is open Mon through Fri, 8:00 am to 4:00 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.

Senior Advisory Committee

The Senior Advisory Committee is a committee appointed by City Council to evaluate the resources, services and programs designed to serve the City's senior citizens. The Committee meets quarterly at the Senior Center (2026 dates listed below) at 3:15pm. If you have an interest in joining this Committee in the future you can fill out an application with your interest at <https://www.colonialheights-va.gov/120/Boards-Commissions>.

2026 Meeting Dates

Monday, January 12

Monday, April 13

Monday, August 10

Monday, November 9

Seniors Calendar

Monday

9:30am..... Muscles in Motion
9:30am..... Tai Chi (Library)
9:30am..... Bowling (League Fee)
9:45am..... Boot Camp
11:00am Pickle Ball (Swift Creek Baptist Church)
11:00am Line Dancing
12:00pm Pinochle
1:15pm..... Chair Volleyball

Tuesday

8:30am..... Drum Fit
9:00am..... Tap Dancin' Grannies (Post 284)
9:30am..... Gentle Yoga
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

8:30pm..... Crochet & Knitting
8:30am..... Muscles in Motion
10:00am 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..... Chair Yoga
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

9:00am..... Walk this Weigh
10:00am Strength & Stretch
11:00am Line Dancing
11:00am Pickle Ball (Swift Creek Baptist Church)
1:00pm..... Mahjong (2nd, 3rd & 5th)
1:00pm..... Intro to Mahjong (1st)

2026 Park and Facility Rentals begin December 1st!

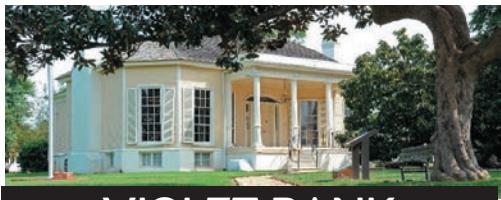
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Recreation and Parks Office (804)520-9390



VIOLET BANK MUSEUM EVENTS

Violet Bank Garden Club:

If you would like to know more about our club and what we do to help Violet Bank Museum and the City of Colonial Heights, please contact Jan Pingel at (804)731-3599.

Violet Bank Stitchers From The Heart

This group meets each Tuesday from 10am-Noon to crochet, knit, weave and stitch items for those in need in the community. Any skill level is welcome to join this group, from beginner to expert. The group also gratefully accepts clean, acrylic yarn of any amount during normal operating hours at the museum to help continue making

items to give to those who need it. The group currently donates items to The Hope Center, The Backdoor Ministry at the First Baptist Church and the Colonial Heights Animal Shelter. For more information call Wendy Alvis at (804)520-9395.

Candlelight Christmas Open House at Violet Bank

Join us at Violet Bank for hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies, served by the Swift Creek Women's Association. Enjoy the beautiful rooms outfitted in festive greenery and let the little ones visit Santa. This is a family friendly event, suitable for all ages. No admission fee but we are accepting your non-perishable food items to benefit the Colonial Heights Food Pantry so please help out if you can. Please note: No Tours Will Be Given During The Open House so please come back again during normal museum operating hours to take a tour.

Friday, December 5, 2025, 6pm-8pm

Featuring "Santa"

Saturday, December 6, 2025, 6pm-8pm

Featuring "Santa"

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 6pm-8pm

Violet Bank Museum

FREE

Colonial Christmas Dinner at Violet Bank

Get your tickets in advance as there are no tickets at the door for this event. To register, Scan the QR code, call (804)520-9390 or stop by In person at the Community Center at 157 Roanoke Ave. Colonial Heights. Seating will begin at 6:30pm with dinner served at 7:00pm.

Friday, December 12, 2025

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Violet Bank Museum \$30/person

Hearts & Heritage Afternoon Tea

Celebrate the season of love and friendship in timeless style. Enjoy an afternoon of tea, sweet and savory delights, and conversation, set in the historic charm of Violet Bank. Open to all - couples, friends, and individuals. Limited seats available! Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available for purchase on December 15th @ the Community Center.

Friday, February 13th 1:00 - 3:00 PM

\$25/person Violet Bank Museum

Candlelight Christmas Dinner

at Violet Bank Museum

December 12, 13, & 14

6:30 PM

303 Virginia Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA

\$30 Per Person

Tickets available for purchase through Colonial Heights Recreation & Parks

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Recreation & Parks Receives 3 Awards at VRPS State Conference

Over 400 delegates, exhibitors, speakers, and volunteers from around the state gathered in October at the 72nd Annual Conference of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society held in Roanoke, Virginia. The conference is a learning exchange and provides an opportunity for recreation and park professionals to discuss areas of common interest.

Highlighting each year's conference is a formal presentation of awards. This state-wide program honors individuals, departments and organizations throughout Virginia who have demonstrated excellence in any of several areas during the previous year. 140 applications were received vying for awards in 16 different categories. Judged by a jury of its peers, Colonial Heights Recreation & Parks received three awards in the following categories:

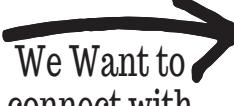
Snapshot Moment - Pirates in the Park

Outstanding New Professional - Hannah LaGana

Best New DEI initiative - Bridging Inclusion Program



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"Community Spotlight" Link
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2 CITY SERVICES:



CIVIC READY
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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



CRIME SOLVERS

CHESTERFIELD/COLONIAL HEIGHTS

TAKE THE TIME TO SOLVE THE CRIME

At the Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers, we are dedicated to shedding light on each of our unsolved crimes.

Crime Solvers Office Contact Information

Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 1834
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Contact Us:

Business Line: 804-748-1278



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Anonymous Tip Reporting:
Tip Line: 804-748-0660
p3tips.com/699



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT **BULKY WASTE**

Household items that don't fit in your trash cart are considered bulky waste—furniture, appliances, mattresses/box springs, yard waste and limbs, or extra bags of trash.

WHEN IS BULKY WASTE COLLECTED?

In the City of Colonial Heights, bulky waste is collected every Wednesday, the same day as household trash.

SCHEDULE A PICKUP

Requests for bulky waste pickup can be made by calling or emailing CVWMA. You may also use the customer portal at CVWMA.com.

Schedule by 2:00pm Tuesday in order to be serviced the following day.

Requests made after 2:00pm on Tuesdays will be scheduled for the following week.

GUIDELINES

Standard bulky waste collection is included with your city trash service.

- ✓ A single load must be able to fit in the bed of a standard-size pickup truck. Larger loads will require a fee.
- ✓ Yard waste and limbs must be bagged or bundled. Bundles can be no longer than 4 feet and no more than 65 lbs.
- ✓ No construction or renovation debris. Evictions and move outs are not eligible for this program.
- ✓ No wooden pallets, no glass panes, no window or door frames. No household hazardous wastes.



SCHEDULE A BULKY WASTE PICKUP

- CVWMA.com Customer Portal
- 804-340-0900
Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm
- CustomerService@cvwma.com

Your Friendly Reminder to **SHOP LOCAL** This Holiday Season!



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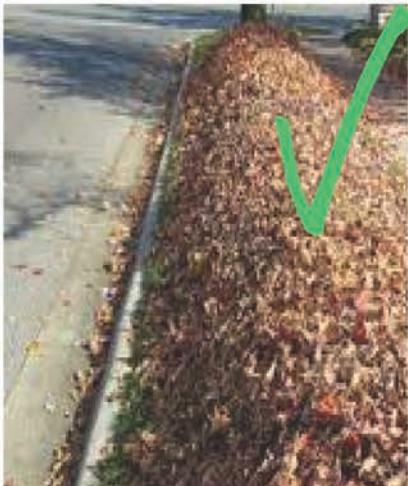


Stormwater

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Stormwater
Information?
Scan the QR code!



Fall time means leaf clean up. When you collect your leaves make sure to put them in the right spot. Collect your leaves at the edge of the right of way outside of the gutter. Putting leaves in the gutter pan can cause drainage issues. Leaves can block up the stormwater system causing flooding and they can create "leaf tea" which makes its way to our local water ways causing destructive algae blooms. So help preserve the Chesapeake Bay this Fall and place your leaves at the back of the curb.





Christmas Tree Recycling Service



SCAN QR

Recycling Center
2701 Conduit Road
Colonial Heights, VA 23834
804-479-7056
Hours:
Friday, Saturday, & Monday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(closed for lunch from 12:00 pm -1:00 pm)

2025-26 Neighborhood Leaf Collection Schedule



SCAN QR

For Leaf Collection
Questions,
Please Call:
**PUBLIC WORKS
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804-520-9372

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- The science and understanding behind addiction and substance use
- What resources are available in our community to help those in need



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