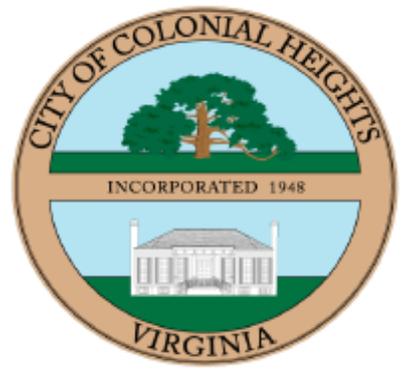


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## COUNCIL COLUMN



It is with great pleasure that I get to serve the Citizens of this great City. In doing that I am asked many times about what is going on with certain projects and additionally, when is the City going to address a certain problem. In this article I will address some of the things that have taken place and some things for the future.

### Bruce Avenue Phase III Drainage Project

I am happy to report that phase III of this project was completed on time in August of this year. This is an on-going project that is being done in phases to modernize storm water collection systems in the southwest portion of the city. In this phase, new water lines, sewer lines, gas lines, 42-inch storm drain pipe and re-surfacing of the street to include curbs and gutter were done in the 500 Block of Battery Place. Additionally, curb and gutter were placed on the north side of Battery Place behind the new courthouse. Finally, the dirt and gravel portion of Bruce Avenue was paved. This will stop the blowing of dust all over people's homes and vehicles making it more ecstastically pleasing. Phases I and II were done in previous years.

### Yorkshire Road Project

Yorkshire Road re-construction has been completed after many setbacks. There were many problems with the soil in the area and it had to be dug out, replaced and compacted. With that being said, this cut funds short for Williamsburg and Jamestown Roads to have the same thing done. The project has been revised and only one of the two remaining streets will be done at this time. The City will re-submit a request for Highway Matching Funds to add the third street and add Holly Avenue to complete this area.

### Temple Avenue Roundabout

As everyone that travels Temple Avenue can see the Roundabout construction is in full swing. The connector ramp has been laid, the west bound bridge removed, and temporary travel lanes made. Traffic has been flowing through the area relatively smooth but it is still suggested to avoid the area if at all possible. This project is being funded by the State, and is estimated to be completed in November 2017. While this project is going on, two City projects will occur simultaneously. First 2 large, underground sewer lines will be replaced in the area. Second, the intersection of Temple and Hamilton will be re-constructed to become a four-way intersection and a right turn lane from Hamilton to Temple will be constructed. Please pay attention to traffic movement and select the proper lane early should you travel this area.

### Kroger Project

There are many rumors about the Kroger project so I will dispel some of them. Kroger has put construction of 6 stores, state wide on hold until February of 2017. When construction does start, it will take approximately 12 months to build. The City is receiving Real Estate Tax Revenue from Kroger as they pay taxes on the un-improved lot until construction is complete.

### Krispy Krème

No such project on the horizon at this time.

These are just a few projects that are ongoing in the City. For a more complete list visit our website at [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov) and check out the section on Capital Projects. You can also read the City Managers Monthly Report online to see the current status of all projects. I would be glad to discuss City information with you at [frenierk@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:frenierk@colonialheightsva.gov). If you have an issue, feel free to contact me at, 720-4522, to discuss it and I will point you in the right direction to try and fix it.

With best regards,

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## Dates of Interest

<b>Dec 6</b>	<b>Christmas Parade</b> 7:00 pm - Boulevard
<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>Planning Commission</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>City Council Regular Meeting</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Dec 20</b>	<b>City Council Special Meeting</b> 6:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Dec 23&amp;26</b>	<b>City Holiday - Christmas</b>
<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>City Holiday - New Year's Day</b> *Recycling Delayed 1 Day
<b>Jan 2</b>	<b>City Council Organizational Meeting</b> 7:30 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Jan 4</b>	<b>Planning Commission</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Jan 10</b>	<b>City Council Regular Meeting</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Jan 13&amp;14</b>	<b>City Council Retreat</b> Starts @ 2:00 pm on Jan. 13th Smithfield Station
<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>Planning Commission</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>City Council Regular Meeting</b> 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>City Council Regular Meeting</b> 6:00 pm - Council Chambers

## On the Cover...

A child enjoying decorating a gingerbread house during story time at the Colonial Heights Public Library. This photo is courtesy of our Colonial Heights Public Library.

To find out more information on upcoming story time programs, please visit our website.



# City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade

**Parade Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

**Theme: "Peace on Earth"**

**Parade Start Time: 7:00 p.m.**

This year's 64th Annual Christmas Parade – a longtime Colonial Heights tradition – will occur on **Tuesday, December 6** on the Boulevard. Originated in 1953 by the Colonial Heights Optimist Club, the nighttime parade is a unique event that draws people from all over the Tri-Cities area. Since 1961, the parade has been organized by the Colonial Heights Jaycees - making the parade a true community event. Beginning in 2014, the City of Colonial Heights is assuming management of the Annual Christmas Parade.

Among city staff, the primary coordinator of this year's Parade will be the Recreation & Parks Department. All inquiries regarding the Parade should be made through the Department by calling (804) 520-9390 or by emailing [christmasparade@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:christmasparade@colonialheightsva.gov).

This year the parade will begin at the Temple Ave and Boulevard intersection and continue south on the Boulevard ending at the Colonial Heights Courthouse. The Boulevard will be closed southbound at Lakeview Ave and two lanes will remain open northbound from Temple Ave. For more information on this year's route please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (804)520-9390.



# 5th Annual Turkey Trot 2016



**Register Today!!**

[www.colonialheightschamber.com](http://www.colonialheightschamber.com)

**American Family Fitness is helping you get prepared for the Turkey Trot.**

6 weeks of training 3 days a week

Training starts on 10/18/16

4:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday,

Sunday Bootcamp 1-2pm



# I-95/ Temple Avenue Interchange Taking New Shape



Construction on the I-95/ Temple Avenue Improvements Project continues to progress at the interchange location. The new ramp alignment is taking shape west of the current intersection as crews continue grading and building drainage facilities at the work site.

Much of the work has taken place outside of the travel lanes so the travel impacts have been fairly limited so far. In mid-August, traffic in both directions was shifted to the westbound bridge while crews continued work to demolish the eastbound bridge. With the eastbound bridge demolition recently complete, crews are starting work on the next project phase. Crews will be working in the area between the eastbound and northbound lanes to level the gradient and prepare for paving. New lighting and guardrail will also be installed.

The next traffic shift is more straightforward and is expected to take place in December. Drivers traveling eastbound on Temple Avenue from the Boulevard will shift slightly to two newly constructed lanes and the existing barriers between lanes will be removed. Both of these new lanes will be through lanes; the right lane will have the option to turn right to the I-95 ramps. The westbound lanes on Temple Ave. will remain unaffected.

Drivers are reminded to read the signage and pavement markings approaching the area and  once in the construction zone. These elements are there to help drivers safely travel through the area with little interruption.

The next traffic shift is planned for the spring of 2017.

While congestion is possible during construction, at least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times. We've established several alternate routes for drivers who wish to avoid any delays, but the road will remain open. Drivers can use Ellerslie Avenue to the north of the interchange or Westover Avenue to the south.

As a reminder, Ridge Rd. remains closed at Temple Ave. for the duration of the project. Drivers can follow the short posted detour: take N. Temple Ave. back to Ridge Rd.

Check VDOT's website for the latest project progress, sign up for travel update emails and see project photos at [www.95templeimprovements.org](http://www.95templeimprovements.org).



## **Christmas Light Tour**

Beautiful Christmas Decorating will be recognized again this year in the City of Colonial Heights. Please have your decorating complete by December 1st. The Beautification Committee will be viewing homes throughout the City on December 5, 6 and 7. A list will be published for touring the designated streets. We wish all to enjoy the decorations and the spirit of the Christmas season!

## **Regional Heroin and Opiate Summit**

**Wednesday, November 30, 2016**  
**Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Program begins at 6:30 p.m.**

Colonial Heights High School Auditorium  
Hosted by Colonial Heights Commonwealth Attorney's Office  
in cooperation with Colonial Heights Public Schools  
and City of Colonial Heights

For more information contact the Commonwealth Attorney's office at 520-9293.



# COLONIAL HEIGHTS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

P.O. Box 3401 / 901 Meridian Avenue

Colonial Heights, VA 23834

[www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks)

Recreation and Parks Office (804)520-9390  
 Recreation and Parks Fax (804)520-9203  
 Senior Activities & Classes (804)520-9220  
 Senior Transportation (804)520-9219  
 Teen Center (804)524-8717  
 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, Monday - Friday 8:00am-5:00pm:

Recreation and Parks Office  
 Shepherd Stadium  
 901 Meridian Avenue  
 Colonial Heights, VA 23834

## REGISTER OVER THE PHONE

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

## REGISTER ONLINE



To register online, please visit us online at [www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks) and click the register online link.

## AFTER HOURS DROPBOX

We have a Drop Box for after hours collection of registrations, payments and uniforms; located in front of the Community Center at 157 Roanoke Ave.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

The City accepts Cash, Check, money order and major Credit Cards. Discover card not accepted at this time. Please make checks payable to: "City of Colonial Heights". \$35 fee may apply for returned checks

## CONNECT WITH US...



## SPRING ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages 16+

Registration is currently being accepted for the Men's Open Leagues & Church Leagues for the 2017 Spring/Summer Adult Softball Leagues. Registration Deadline for the Spring/Summer season will be Friday, March 10, 2017. Roster is due when registering.

Fee: \$600

Primary Game Nights:

Church Divisions – Tue & Thur nights

Men's Divisions – Mon, Wed & Thur nights

Game nights are subject to change based on the number of teams registered. Teams must be available to play any weeknight. Teams must supply game balls. Balls must be USSSA Classic M or USSSA Classic Plus.

Visit our website at  
[www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks)  
 to view info on our parks & facilities.



## YOUTH BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Ages: Boys 4-18 (as of 4/30/17)

Girls 4-15 (as of 1/1/17)

Registration for 2017 youth baseball and softball leagues will begin on January 30, 2017. The deadline to register is March 3rd. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Practices begin mid-March. Practice times will vary depending on the amount of teams in each league.

Fee: \$20 until March 3rd; \$30 after March 3rd, children registered after March 3rd may be placed on a waiting list.

### Coed:

Rookie League (Instructional) ages 4-5  
 Coach Pitch (Instructional) ages 6-8

### Boys:

AAA League ages 9-10  
 Major League ages 11-12  
 National League ages 13-15  
 Big League ages 16-18

### Girls:

Angels ages 9-10  
 Darlings ages 11-12  
 Belles ages 13-15

## OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Ages 6+

Open gym basketball will be offered on Sundays. Full court games will be organized depending on the amount of participants each week. Must be a City of Colonial Heights resident.

### Ages 14 and under

Su 1/1-2/26 1-3pm  
 FREE CH High School Gym

### Ages 15+

Su 1/1-2/26 3:15-5:15pm  
 FREE CH High School Gym

# Shorty & Jr. Chef!

JOIN US IN LEARNING, COOKING & EATING  
 FOOD FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD!!!

Put on your aprons and pick up your spoons! If you would like to learn how to cook or currently enjoy cooking then this is the class for you! Will Bailey, our athletics coordinator will be facilitating two cooking classes this winter season.  
 PRICE: \$40.00 PER CHILD

Shorty Chef- Ages: 6-8

Tuesday, December 6- January 17<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm

Junior Chef- Ages: 9-12

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>- March 7<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm

Location: Colonial Heights Community Center

## YOUTH SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for 2017 Spring youth soccer will begin online January 1, 2017 at [www.colonialheightssoccer.com](http://www.colonialheightssoccer.com). Players from all localities are welcome for an additional \$5 per player. Games/practices will take place at the Soccer Complex behind the Colonial Heights Library. In-person registration will be accepted at the Colonial Heights Library on Sat, Jan 14th and Sat, Jan 21st from 10am-2pm. You must register by March 1st to guarantee a spot and uniform if needed. Practices will begin the end of March and games will be played on Saturdays beginning early April. For more information email [chsainformation@gmail.com](mailto:chsainformation@gmail.com).

Fees: \$35; ages U5-U9 (\$25 uniform if needed)  
\$55; ages U11 (\$25 uniform if needed)  
\$65; ages U14-U18 (uniform included)

**Look for these exciting new athletic programs coming soon!!!**

**Little Tykes Basketball** is an introductory basketball program for children 3-5 years old. The program prepares children for organized basketball in a fun and safe learning environment.

**Start Smart Lacrosse** is an introductory lacrosse program for children 5-7 years old. Start Smart Lacrosse prepares children and their parents for organized lacrosse without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt.

**Colonial Heights Youth Lacrosse** is a youth lacrosse program for boys and girls ages 8 - 15. The Youth Lacrosse Program teaches fundamentals and provides organized team play for local area youth. Our mission is to expose children to the fun game of lacrosse while nurturing individual and team skills with a consistent emphasis on sportsmanship.

The above programs will use age appropriate equipment and techniques to teach dribbling/ball handling, passing/catching, shooting and running/agility.



## BELLY DANCING

Ages 13+

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

Th	12/1-12/22	6:00pm-7:00pm
Th	1/5-1/26	6:00pm-7:00pm
Th	2/2-2/23	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$30	Community Center	

## SHORTY CHEF & JUNIOR CHEF

Ages 6-12

"All around the world"

The theme for this cooking class is "food from around the world." Join us in learning about alternative forms of healthy eating while also being able to cook a new meal each week. Students will learn the fundamentals of preparing simple meals. During the last session participants will engage in making a group meal for their parents!

### Shorty Chef Class (ages 6-8); No class 12/27

Tu	12/6-1/17	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$40	Community Center	

### Junior Chef Class (ages 9-12); No class 1/14

Tu	1/24-3/7	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$40	Community Center	

## FIT KID CLUB

Ages 6-12

This program shows kids a variety of ways to engage in exercises through games. Each week a different muscle group is targeted and participants will learn tips and tricks to being healthy but while having fun. Participants are given specific goals and objectives to work on during each session. Our sessions are facilitated by a certified recreational therapist

### Children's Class (ages 6-8); No class 12/28

We	12/7-1/18	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$10	Community Center	

### Youth Class (ages 9-12)

We	1/25-3/1	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$10	Community Center	

## PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY PARTIES

Ages 2-5

Each month the recreation department will be putting on a themed social for our toddlers! Join us in participating with your toddler in a variety of games and crafts based on the different themes. You'll be able to experience everything from pin the nose on the reindeer, building a penguin and stamping hearts out of recyclable materials!

**SAVE \$10 & REGISTER FOR ALL 3 FOR \$30!!!**

### Happy Holidays

Mo	12/19	2:30pm-3:30pm
\$15	Community Center	

### March of the Penguins

We	1/18	3:30pm-4:30pm
\$15	Community Center	

### Valentine's Day

Fr	2/10	2:00pm-3:00pm
\$15	Community Center	

## MESS MAKERS

Ages 2-5

Our toddlers can now take part in a new program this season! Introducing "mess-makers", a program designed for young ones to get down and dirty with different sensory objects, textures and smells. Children are able to squish and squeeze different materials with parents while also expressing their imaginations. Parents are encouraged to participate with their little one!

Th	12/1-1/5	10:00am-11:00am
\$20	Community Center	

**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROS!!**

**BOOM! POW BAM!**

**Test your mighty strength with obstacles courses—Design a costume or cape— Learn new exercises & healthy tips!!**

**Ages: 3-5 Thursday, January 19th - February 23rd / 3:30-4:30pm**

**Location: Colonial Heights Community Center / Price: \$20.00 per child**

## MINI SUPERHERO ACADEMY TRAINING

Ages 3-5

Calling all mini super heroes! We need you in this program!! Have you ever wanted to test out your mighty strength and powers or design a costume or cape? Then you should join our super hero training academy! Bust through obstacles, learn new exercises and tips on being the best super hero you can be.

Th 1/19-2/23 3:30pm-4:30pm  
\$20 Community Center

## OKINAWAN KARATE

### Children's Class (ages 5-9)

The focus of this class is on respecting others, self control, self discipline, and avoiding confrontation. The Karate techniques that are taught begin with basics such as falling, tumbling, balance, flexibility, agility and coordination. Once a student is proficient in all the basics, they may move up to the next class.

Mo/We 1/4-2/27 5:00-5:45pm  
\$60 Lakeview Elem. Gym

### Youth/Teen Class (ages 10-17)

Children under the age of 10 may be moved up by the instructor. This class moves at a faster pace and more advanced techniques are taught.

Mo/We 1/4-2/27 6:00-7:30pm  
\$80 Lakeview Elem. Gym

## CREATIVE KIDS - ART FUN FOR EVERYONE; AFTER- SCHOOL ART BY YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Grades K-5

ALL NEW LESSONS await both new AND returning artists in this exciting session. Animals, objects portraits and more will inspire you during this super fun program. For new artists, you will learn to draw with success. For returning artists you will further improve your skills. Just like in sports, music or dance, the more you practice drawing the better you will get!

### North Elementary School

Mo 2/27-3/27 3:10pm-4:15pm  
\$60 (includes all supplies)

### Tussing Elementary School

We 2/22-3/22 3:10pm-4:15pm  
\$60 (includes all supplies)

### Lakeview Elementary School

Th 2/23-3/16 3:10pm-4:15pm  
\$60 (includes all supplies)

# Trips

## HOLOCAUST MUSEUM— RICHMOND, VA

Founded in 1997, the Virginia Holocaust Museum views its primary mission as educating the world-wide community about the historical and personal realities of the Holocaust. Through its permanent exhibitions, the Museum remembers the atrocities of the Shoah, the sacrifices of its victims, the bravery of its heroes and the courage of the survivors. The Museum's commitment to Tolerance Through Education, encapsulates its goal to combat intolerance, anti-Semitism, racism, prejudice, fear and hatred with knowledge, understanding, compassion and acceptance.

We 1/25 Tour begins at 10:00am  
\$5 (Lunch on your own at Station 2 Restaurant)

## AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MUSEUM - RICHMOND, VA

Join us as we visit Historic Tredegar, located on downtown Richmond's riverfront near Brown's Island and Belle Isle. The Museum shares the 8.9 acre site with the Richmond National Battlefield Park Visitor Center. We will also be touring the White House & Museum of the Confederacy. With a stop for lunch at Mama J's restaurant before returning home.

We 2/22 9:00am-3:00pm  
\$15 (Lunch on your own at Mama J's Restaurant)

## MONTICELLO HOME & GROUNDS - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Learn about Thomas Jefferson's pursuit of happiness through architecture, botany, philosophy, and family. Hear the stories of the free and enslaved people who lived at Monticello in a tour of the main house and gardens. Feel the power of place at Monticello. Learn about Thomas Jefferson, the ideas of freedom, and the realities of slavery that made the United States.

We 3/29 8:45am-3:00pm  
\$15 (Lunch on your own; boxed lunch options)

## STRATFORD HALL HOME OF THE LEE'S - WESTMORELAND, VA

Stratford Hall, a historic house museum in Westmoreland County, Virginia, was the plantation house of four generations of the Lee family.

We 4/19 8:45am-3:00pm  
\$12 (Lunch on your own; restaurant on-site)

## RIVERSIDE THEATER FREDERICKSBURG, VA

For the following performances, we will depart from the Senior Center at 10:00am and return back to the center at approximately 6:30pm on all dates. Price includes transportation on vans, ticket to show, and lunch. Sign up early, limited tickets!

### MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

The new smash-hit musical inspired by the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time.

We 2/1 10:00am-6:30pm \$60

### SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

This musical adaptation of the '70s classic film is the story of a talented, streetwise kid from Brooklyn who attempts to escape his dead-end life through dancing.

We 4/5 10:00am-6:30pm \$60

### SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

This stunning collection of compositions places five performers in a theatrical setting—first 'backstage,' where the songs are sung as personal interplay, and then 'onstage.'

We 6/21 10:00am-6:30pm \$62

### 7 BRIDES FOR 7 BROTHERS

Bursting with the rambunctious energy of the original MGM film, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers is all boisterous fun and romance, that harkens back to the glory days of the movie musical.

We 8/23 10:00am-6:30pm \$62

### ON GOLDEN POND

A 1979 play by Ernest Thompson. The plot focuses on aging couple Ethel and Norman Thayer, who spend each summer at their home on a lake called Golden Pond. During the year the story takes place, they are visited by daughter Chelsea with her fiancé Billy Ray and his son Billy Ray Jr. The play explores the often turbulent relationship the young woman shared with her father growing up, and the difficulties faced by a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage.

We 10/18 10:00am-6:30pm \$62

### CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Our version of the fabulous, rip-roaring, kick lining fun that comes with the grandest of holidays. Jump in and join the fun.

We 11/29 10:00am-6:30pm \$62

# Teen Center

## TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center is located inside the Community Center at 157 Roanoke Ave. Participants must be City of Colonial Heights residents and eligible for enrollment at Colonial Heights Middle School or Colonial Heights High School. Admission to the Teen Center is FREE. Participants may bring a guest, but there is a \$5 charge for all guests.

The Teen Center features an Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and PlayStation 4, 3 big screen TVs, computers, and foosball. Contact the Teen Center at 524-8717 for more information.

### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	3:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday	1:00pm-8:00pm
Sunday	Closed



# Senior Center

## SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Citizen Center is adjacent to the Community Building at 157 Roanoke Avenue. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Center is open to adults 50 years of age and older who are City Residents. All Senior Citizen programs are FREE unless noted.

## SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Department operates 8am-4pm Monday-Friday, except City Holidays. Senior Citizens sixty (60) years of age or older that are City of Colonial Heights residents, needing transportation for medical, business, or personal reasons may obtain rides throughout the City of Colonial Heights. Transportation is provided to Petersburg, Hopewell and Fort Lee for medical appointments only. Vans are equipped with hydraulic lifts for wheel-chairs. Reservations must be called in 24 hours in advance of your appointment. Please call 520-9219 for further information.

## SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

The Senior Citizen Club was organized in 1968. It is open to Senior Citizens 50 years of age and older who are City Residents. The Club meets at 1:15 pm on the first three Thursdays of the month at the Community Center and on the fourth Thursday of the month at Golden Corral Restaurant. For information on being part of this Club contact 520-9220.

## ACTIVITY & FITNESS MONTHLY CLASS SCHEDULE

### Monday

8:30am	Muscles in Motion
9:30am	Tai Chi
9:30am	Bowling ( <i>League Fee</i> )
10:00am	Strength & Stretch
11:00am	Bunco
1:30pm	Pickle Ball ( <i>Swift Creek Baptist</i> )
1:30pm	Bridge 101 ( <i>sign-up</i> )
3:00pm	Computer Class ( <i>sign up</i> )
4:00pm	Beginners Sewing ( <i>sign-up \$12</i> )

### Tuesday

9:00am	Yoga
9:30am	BP Screening ( <i>3rd Tue</i> )
10:00am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:00am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
12:00pm	Duplicate Bridge
1:00pm	Bingo
1:00pm	Water Aerobics ( <i>Hopewell - \$2</i> )
3:00-6:00pm	Quilts for Vets ( <i>Last Tue</i> )
3:00pm	Quilt & Sew ( <i>2nd &amp; 3rd Tues</i> )

### Wednesday

8:30am	Muscles in Motion
10:00am	Strength & Stretch
10:00am	Crochet & Knitting Group
11:00am	Line Dancing
12:30pm	Party Bridge
1:00pm	Painting with Carol

### Thursday

9:00am	Yoga
10:00am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
10:00am	Sing-A-Long
11:00am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:00am	Zumba Gold ( <i>\$5</i> )
12:45pm	BP Screening ( <i>1st Thur</i> )
1:15pm	Senior Citizens Club Mtg.
1:00pm	TRIAD ( <i>3rd Thurs</i> )
2:00pm	Watercolor

### Friday

8:30am	Muscles in Motion
10:00am	Strength & Stretch
11:00am	Sit & Let's Get Fit
1:00pm	Computer Class ( <i>sign up</i> )
2:00pm	Computer Class ( <i>sign up</i> )
5:30pm	Open Paint
7:00pm	Senior Dance ( <i>2nd Fri - \$6</i> )

### Saturday

1:00-4:00pm	Coupon Workshop ( <i>1st Sat-\$10</i> )
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When: Mondays at 1:30pm

Location: Swift Creek Baptist Church Gymnasium

(18510 Branders Bridge Road, Colonial Heights)



Horseshoe Casino Baltimore opened on August 26, 2014 to much fanfare from the city of Baltimore. An urban, two-story casino with 122,000 square-feet of gaming space, the casino features slots, table games and a World Series of Poker (WSOP) room. Baltimore Marketplace features authentic Charm City food outlets, three premier restaurants and several bars and lounges round out the food and beverage offerings.

**Monday, March 6th; Depart center at 6:30am and return ~ 9:30pm**

**\$50**



# SERVICE AWARD RECOGNITION



Each year, the City of Colonial Heights recognizes employees for their continuous years of City service through the Employee Service Award Program. We are proud to recognize this year's award recipients for their commitment to public service.

## 5 Years of Service

Amy Armstrong, Horticulture  
Andrew Barnhouse, Police  
Bruce Cashion, City Assessor  
Rickey Corn, Sewer  
Megan Gay, Finance  
Elizabeth Gegenheimer, Communications  
Brandon Gist, Streets  
Mathew Glascock, Fire & EMS  
Rebecca Lynch, Office on Youth  
Jamie Schoot, Streets

## 15 Years of Service

Eric Albert, Fire & EMS  
Lewis Archileti, Information Technologies  
Scott Davis, Planning & Community Development  
Karen Saunders, Information Technologies

## 20 Years of Service

Patsy Dixon, Public Works  
Steven Perkins, Engineering

## 30 Years of Service

Daniel Kanusek, Sewer  
Stacy Stafford, Circuit Court

## 10 Years of Service

William Bray, Commonwealth's Attorney  
Kristin Daniel, Commonwealth's Attorney  
Hugh Fisher, III, City Attorney  
Harriet Frenier, Treasurer  
Elke Gibbs, City Manager  
Steven Gillam, Fire & EMS  
Christopher Harris, Police  
Abby Lynch, Office on Youth  
Brandon Owen, Streets  
Gerard Petet, Fire & EMS  
Terry Schane, Fire & EMS  
Melissa Setterholm, Fire & EMS  
Michael Sheehan, Sheriff  
Gregory Thinnies, Police  
James Thomas, Streets  
James Waldrop, Police

## 25 Years of Service

David Avent, Parks  
Steven Kolev, Police  
Arlene Walters, Police

## 35 Years of Service

Wayne Newsome, Police  
Deborah Pulver, Finance



## Recreation & Parks Procedure Change for Community Center and Park Shelter Reservations



The Recreation & Parks Department has revised the procedure for reserving the Community Center and Park Shelters in the City. The Department will no longer accept reservations for these facilities over the phone. Those interested in reserving either the Community Center or a Park Shelter must do so in person at the Recreation & Parks Office located at Shepherd Stadium (901 Meridian Ave, Colonial Heights, VA 23834) between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday-Friday. The Community Center may only be reserved by City of Colonial Heights Residents; Park Shelters may be reserved by Colonial Heights Residents and Non-residents. City of Colonial Heights residents must provide proof of residency when reserving a facility. Acceptable forms for proof of residency include: a valid driver's license or ID with a City of Colonial Heights address, a lease agreement for a rental property located in Colonial Heights or a Utility Bill from the City of Colonial Heights.

In order to reserve a facility you are also required to fill out the proper facility rental form and make full payment for your reservation prior to a permit being issued. Reservations for the 2017 calendar year will begin on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (804)520-9390 with any questions.



## Santa's Calling

December 13  
or  
December 15

(You choose which date works best)

Arrangements have been made for Santa to personally call each child ages 3-7. Santa will be making his calls in the evening from 6:00pm-7:15pm. A form will be distributed at each school for interested parents to complete and return back to the Recreation and Parks Department.

Additional forms can be found at [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov). You may fax forms to (804)520-9203, or email them to [barksdalea@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:barksdalea@colonialheightsva.gov)

# Neighborhood Leaf Removal Service

## Fall 2016/Winter 2017



### 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 2015/16 season, city crews collected approximately 3,000 cubic yards of leaves.

### Year Round Service Option

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

### Neighborhood Service Areas

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

### Scheduled Time of Service

Leaves will be collected and removed during the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning November 14, 2016 and ending February 5, 2017.

### Preparing Leaves for City Collection

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

### Avoid Mixing Leaves with Other Debris

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

### Neighborhood Parking During Leaf Removal Service

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

### More Information

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



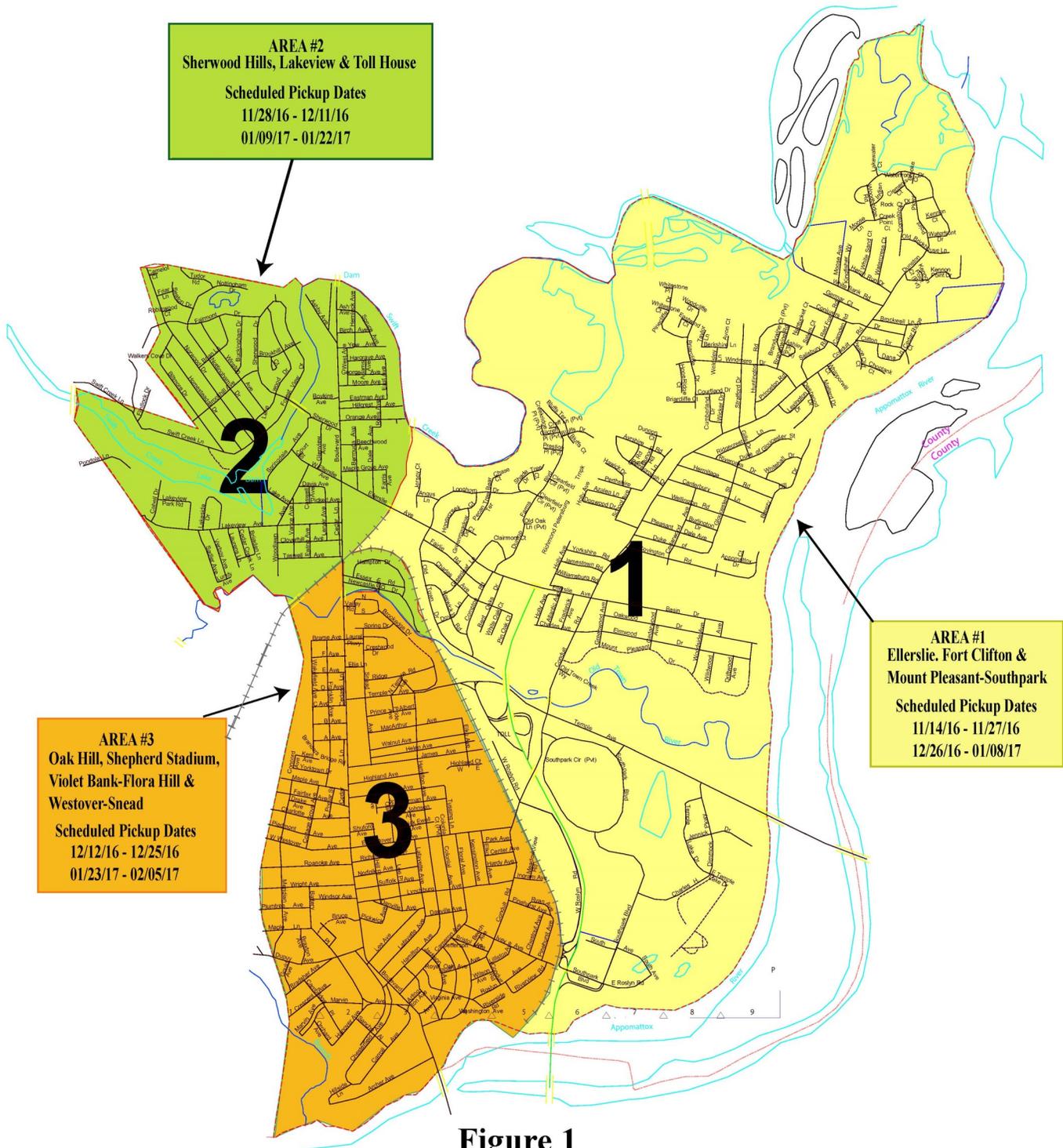
The Colonial Heights Public Library launched "Hoopla" on October 15. The new, cloud-based service allows residents to instantly download ebooks and audiobooks to their tablets (including Kindle), smart phones or streaming devices any-time and anywhere. The mobile Hoopla app can be found in the App Store for your iOS device and in the Google Play store for your Android device. Search for "hoopla digital" to retrieve the app, register and use your library card to begin downloading.

Join us on Tuesday, December 13 or Wednesday, December 14 at 11 a.m. for a special Holiday Storytime. Our annual gingerbread house decorating will follow at 11:30. Register up to 2 weeks in advance at:

<http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/libraryprograms>



# Neighborhood Leaf Removal Schedule Fall 2016/Winter 2017



*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas*

*Tree Lighting*

*Saturday, November 26th*

*5pm-6:30pm*

*At the Courthouse*

Featuring:

Santa's Workshop @ 5pm (\$5)

Photo's with Santa (For Sale)

Hot Cocoa/Coffee

Cookies

Live Entertainment @ 6pm

Tree Lighting @ 6:30pm



*For more information call 520-9390. Pre-registration required for the workshop.*



Dr. Seuss' **How The GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!**

Join us immediately following our Tree Lighting Event for a special presentation of Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas on a 26' wide inflatable screen. FREE event!

Saturday November 26 - approximately 7:00pm

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