

THE CITY FOCUS

Colonial Heights Receives GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for 31st Year

The City of Colonial Heights has received the *Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting* from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) - for the 31st consecutive year.

The *Certificate of Achievement* is the highest form of recognition in the area of local government accounting and financial reporting.

The City's CAFR was judged by an impartial GFOA panel to meet the standards of the program, which includes the demonstration that it clearly communicates the financial story of city government.

"This award is a significant achievement for the City as the GFOA Award is accepted nationwide as the preeminent recognition by public finance professionals." said City Manager Tom Mattis.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals.

The City's Finance Department is led by Director of Finance **Bill Johnson** and Deputy Director of Finance **Kathy Sparks**.

"While receiving this award is certainly recognition of a team effort," Mattis said, "it is mainly a tribute to the work of Bill and Kathy; and we would not have received this without them. They are to be congratulated."

Mr. Johnson has been part of the City's Finance Department for each of the 31 years the City has received the GFOA Award.

Christmas Decorating Contest



Join in the fun while getting into the Christmas spirit by signing-up to participate in the Christmas Decorating Contest. The event is sponsored by the Beautification Committee and the Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce.

All entries for this year's Christmas Decorating Contest must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2011. The judging will take place Thursday, December 8, 2011, beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. by judges selected by the Committee. All judges reside outside of the City limits of Colonial Heights.

The categories are:

- ☆ Doors
- ☆ Traditional
- ☆ Decorative Residence, Condo or Apartment
- ☆ Lighting Residence
- ☆ Commercial/Business
- ☆ Lawn Display

All entries will be judged on merit according to the categories in which entered. Last year's First Place winners will not be eligible for First Place, but will be eligible for other awards. All winners will be recognized at a free recognition breakfast at the Dunlop House at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011.

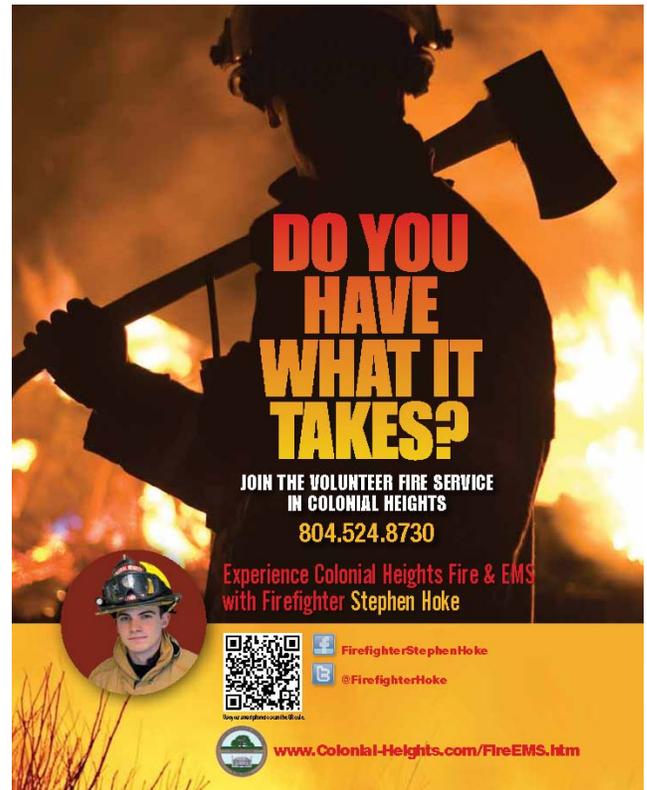
For further information or to obtain entry forms, please contact the Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce at 526-5872.

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Anspach Graduates from National Criminal Justice Command College

City of Colonial Heights Police Lt. **William H. Anspach** recently graduated from the 6th Session of the University of Virginia National Criminal Justice Command College.

The NCJCC is a 10 - week intense training program that is targeted to mid-upper level law enforcement supervisors in state, county, or municipal agencies. The Command College is uniquely designed to provide an integrated, cutting-edge approach to criminal justice education through a framework of leadership and collaboration.

Lt. Anspach was one of twenty-three graduates that were selected from the Commonwealth of Virginia to attend. Their curriculum and topics of instruction included leadership, management issues, forensic science, collaboration and negotiation and legal issues.

Lt. Anspach joins two other Colonial Heights Police Officers, Captain William "Keith" Early and Lt. Dann Ferguson as alumni of the program.



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 and the citizens of our community.

5 Years

Tracy Abernathy, Fire & EMS
 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
 William Moore, Jr., Police
 Brandon Owen, Public Works
 Gerard Petet, Fire & EMS
 Terry Schane, Fire & EMS
 Melissa Setterholm, Communications
 Michael Sheehan, Sheriff
 Keith Shifflett, Utilities
 Gregory Thinner, Police
 James Thomas, Public Works
 James Waldrop, Police
 Margaret Whitehurst, Treasurer
 Jimmie Wilson, Senior Center

10 Years

Eric Albert, Fire & EMS
 Lewis Archileti, Fire & EMS
 Joy Moore, Treasurer

10 Years

Janice Pattison, Sheriff
 Karen Saunders, IT
 Charles Wallace, Fire & EMS

15 Years

Phyllis Cheely, Office on Youth
 Patsy Dixon, Public Works
 Laura O'Hara, Communications
 Steven Perkins, Engineering

20 Years

David Avent, Rec & Parks
 Stephanie Early, Police
 Steven Kolev, Police
 Eugene Nelson, III, Fire & EMS
 Arlene Walters, Police

25 Years

Daniel Kanusek, Jr., Utilities
 Stacy Stafford, Circuit Court

30 Years

Wayne Newsome, Police
 Deborah Pulver, Finance



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Christmas Parade
December 6th
7:00 pm

**Season's
Greetings**

Happy Thanksgiving

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

*from the City of Colonial Heights
City Council and Staff*



Neighborhood Leaf Removal Service

Fall 2011/Winter 2012



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 2010 season, city crews collected approximately 2,700 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 07, 2011 and ending January 27, 2012.

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. 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.



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