

The City FOCUS

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Colonial Heights

TRASH COLLECTION GUIDELINES

The City has been informed by our trash collector that our contract does not provide for trash to be collected from cans without wheels. These private cans are often too heavy for the trash collectors. Only trash cans supplied by the City will be collected. The weight of the trash can should not exceed **75 lbs.** Trash bags not to exceed 30 gallons and a loaded weight not to exceed 35 lbs. may be used for any additional refuse. Yard waste can be tied in a bundle that forms an easily handled package not exceeding four (4) feet in length or not exceeding seventy-five (75) lbs. in weight. Routine bulky waste such as a large appliance, furniture or other junk that cannot be placed in the trash can should be placed by the can on your normal collection day.

It is the resident's responsibility to see that cans, bags, and/or bundles are placed at the designated location by 7:00 a.m. on the designated collection day. The City asks residents not to put their trash out before 7:00 p.m. the evening before their scheduled collection day. The normal hours of collection are to be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; or 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday during a week with a holiday. All trash cans, after being emptied, shall be removed from the City right-of-way by the occupants/tenants by 7:00 p.m. of the day following collection.



FALL PAVING LIST



<u>Street Name:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
1. Lafayette Ave.	Richmond Ave.	Westover Ave.
2. Westover Ave.	Hamilton Ave.	Boulevard
3. White Bank Rd.	Conduit Road	2nd Entrance to Parking Lot
4. Moose Ave.	White Bank Road	Parking Lot
5. Bluffs Terrace	Bluffs Dr.	Cul-de-sac
6. Suffolk Ave.	Boulevard	Lafayette Ave.
7. Marvin Ave.	Cambridge Place	Cambridge Place
8. Orchard Ave.	Hanover Ave.	Marvin Ave.
9. Caswell Ave.	Davis Ave.	Pickett Ave.

AN IMPROVED TUSSING ELEMENTARY

If all goes according to plan, an improved Tussing Elementary School will be completed by September 2008. The renovation will include: an addition to the media center, a new gymnasium, a new front entrance, new classrooms and resource rooms, improved parking and drop-off areas.

Many may have already noticed the trailer temporarily placed at the edge of Conduit Road. While it's not the prettiest thing, it is a necessary addition. It will be used as the construction supervisor's office and its location is necessary because:

1. The construction entrance road will be made just to the left of the trailer enabling the supervisor to monitor all traffic entering and exiting our school grounds to the construction site.
2. The location is away from the playgrounds and other areas frequented by students during the school day providing a safe distance between our students and the adults working on the construction site.
3. The trailer can be monitored at night and on weekends.

The School Board and City Council are excited about the upcoming construction and hope that you will join us in our enthusiasm. Please feel free to contact Mr. David K. Staples, the Principal at Tussing, if you have any questions.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST



Sponsored by the COLONIAL HEIGHTS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE and the COLONIAL HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Join in the fun while getting into the Christmas spirit by signing up to participate in the Christmas Decorating Contest. All entries for this year's contest must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2007. The judging will take place Thursday, December 13, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The judges are chosen by the Beautification Committee, and all reside outside of the City of Colonial Heights. All entries will be judged on merit with several categories.

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



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

Bobbi Adams
Eric Allen
David Bailey
Jennifer Carpenter
Scott Childers
Michael Duncan
Brenda Graham
Richard Hall
Lester Harris
Roland Hudson
William Moody, Jr.
David Sadler
Kristin Wears

10 Years

Lois Barchanowicz
Richard Bride
Eileen Brown
Suzanne Smith
Nancy Wood

15 Years

Donald Cook
Patrick Grundler

15 Years (Continued)

Robin Kester
David Kissner, III
Karla Ramsey
David Salot
Brian Smith
William Wilson

20 Years

Susan Crist
Thomas Kifer
Bernie Murrell
Derek Pattison
William Russell
John Snyder
Kenneth Strickler

25 Years

Angela Crawford
Alfred Smith
Kenneth Stables

30 Years

Kim Rollinson
Marvin Watkins, Jr.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



The City of Colonial Heights is pleased to announce the implementation of a new Employee of the Month Program to recognize the exceptional performance, innovation, leadership, and/or outstanding achievements of a City employees.

The following employees have been selected as the Employee of the Month:

May 2007

Steven Hanson
Communications Center

June 2007

Kimberly Trotter
Office on Youth

July 2007

William Anspach, III
Police Department

August 2007

Paul Piotrowski, Jr.
Sheriff's Department

WATER CONSERVATION

The City of Colonial Heights was required by the State to do a water supply master plan for the next 50 years. The City did this plan in conjunction with the other members of the Appomattox River Water Authority, namely Petersburg, Prince George, Dinwiddie and Chesterfield. The State is also requiring all water supply systems to adopt water conservation ordinances in case water uses need to be curtailed during a water shortage. City Council is currently considering a water conservation ordinance that would restrict certain outdoor uses of water during a water shortage at Lake Chesdin, the City's water source.

The ordinance calls for three levels of water conservation measures depending on the water level in Lake Chesdin; voluntary, mandatory and emergency conservation. If the lake level is down twelve inches, the ordinance just asks water users to voluntarily conserve water any way they can. When the water level drops to the point where we have a 200-day supply remaining, mandatory conservation measures will be enforced by the City. These measures include watering lawns and landscaping only at night and washing cars in your driveway only on Saturday. If matters get much worse and the lake level drops to a 125-day supply, emergency conservation measures would be enforced. In this case, we are only able to water lawns and landscaping one night a week and we could not wash our cars at home. City operations would greatly curtail outdoor uses of water as well.

The City will keep residents informed on this matter through local newspapers and other means should actual conservation measures be necessary. Please contact the City Clerk's Office should you wish to review a copy of the water conservation ordinance.



The City Focus



The City Focus is a newsletter mailed to residents of the City of Colonial Heights, published by the Office of the City Manager, to inform residents of government actions and events of interest in the City.

This newsletter is printed on recycled paper.

COMBAT IDENTITY THEFT

The Federal Trade Commission estimates that approximately nine million Americans are victims of identity theft. Practicing these simple rules may prevent you from being one of them.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal identifying information, such as your Social Security number or credit card number to commit fraud or other crimes.

There are ways to safeguard your personal information. Shred all financial documents. Do not carry your social security card with you and never write it on your checks. Do not give out personal information on the telephone, in the mail, or over the internet unless you know with whom you are doing business. Never click on links of unsolicited e-mails.

If you suspect that you may be a victim of identity theft, review your credit reports by contacting *Equifax* (1-800-525-6285); *Experian* (1-888-397-3742); or *TransUnion* (1-800-680-7289), and place a "fraud alert" on them. Contact the police and the Federal Trade Commission if you believe you have an identity theft situation.

COLONIAL HEIGHTS VIRTUAL LIBRARY

The Colonial Heights Public Library provides residents, and particularly students, with a virtual library that can be found at www.colonial-heights.com/library.htm. The virtual library provides access from home to full-text articles from over 7,000 full-text magazines and journals dating back over a decade, and thousands of electronic books not available on the open Internet.

"The virtual library allows residents access to the hidden Internet used by corporations, legal and medical institutions, and colleges and universities", according to Bruce Hansen, the library's director.

"It is also a safe and authoritative resource where students can search for information without parental concerns for their safety, while retrieving full-text articles from publications ranging from *Time* and *Newsweek* to *Sports Illustrated*."



RECREATION & PARKS



Trips:

- ☆ **Morefield Gem Mine** - Friday, October 12, 2007. Fee: \$13.00 per person. Price includes admission to mine and transportation on vans. Depart at 9:00 a.m. Bring a bag lunch. We will have a cooler on the van for your drinks and lunch.
- ☆ **Carolina Outlets** - Friday, October 19, 2007. Great day for Christmas Shopping. Fee: \$10.00 per person. Depart from Shepherd Stadium at 8:00 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m. Transportation on vans.
- ☆ **Michie Tavern & Carter's Mountain** - Charlottesville - October 22, 2007. Fee: \$26.00 per person. Price includes buffet lunch, tour and transportation on vans. Depart at 8:30 a.m. Tour of Michie Tavern, eat lunch and then visit Carter Mountain to pick apples. Should return back to Colonial Heights around 6:30 p.m.
- ☆ **Smoky Mountain Christmas** - Gatlinburg, Tennessee - November 27 - 29, 2007. Tuesday - Thursday. Price: Double \$330.00 per person and Single \$395.00. Your package includes 2 nights accommodations, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners and The Black Bear Jamboree. Enjoy The Smoky Mountain Christmas Festival at Dollywood Theme Park. Smoky Mountain Christmas entertainment includes such shows as: Babes in Toyland, Christmas in the Smokies, T'was the Night Before Christmas, O'Holly Night, An Appalachian Christmas, Carol of the Trees. All standard taxes, gratuities, baggage handling, and deluxe coach transportation included. \$75.00 deposit with reservation. **Reservation deadline is October 26, 2007.**
- ☆ **Atlantic City** - February 24 - 26, 2008, Sunday - Tuesday. Price: \$155.00 per person double, \$140.00 per person triple, \$225.00 single. \$75.00 deposit with reservation. Your package includes the following: motor coach transportation, 2 nights lodging, 1 dinner at the Tropicana, 1 breakfast brunch, 1 revue show if available and \$20.00 coin bonus per person. All baggage handling and taxes included! Balance due on **January 15, 2008.**
- ☆ **Caribbean Cruise** - 9-Day Eastern Caribbean from New York, NY. April 23 - May 1, 2008. Please visit our website at www.colonial-heights.com/RecParksEasternCaribbeanCruise.htm or call our office at 520-9390 for details.

RECREATION & PARKS (CONTINUED)

Activities:

☆ **Basketball Registration** – Colonial Heights Recreation Department will hold Youth Basketball Registration for Colonial Heights residents, beginning Saturday, October 13th. For more information call 520-9391 or 520-9392.



**Registration Schedule
Shepherd Stadium**



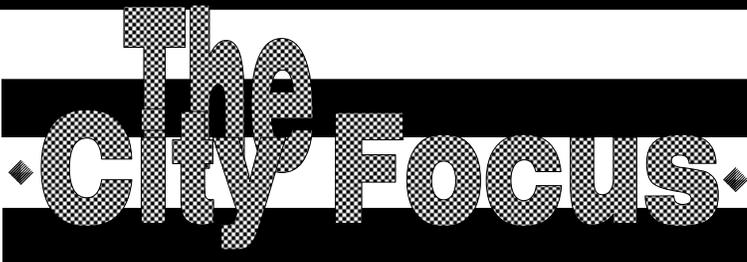
Saturday, October 13th - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Monday, October 22nd - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 3rd - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

☆ **Aerobic Rush** - October 15 - November 12, 2007. Monday & Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fee: \$29.00 per person at Lakeview Elementary School Gym. Instructor is Susan Millazo.

☆ **Halloween Fun Day** - Saturday, October 27, 2007, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Community Building, 157 Roanoke Avenue. Pre-school to 5th Grade for Colonial Heights Residents only.

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Neighborhood Leaf Removal Service

Fall 2007/Winter 2008



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 2006 season, city crews collected approximately 2,600 cubic yards of leaves –enough to cover a football field knee deep!

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 40 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 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning November 5, 2007 and ending January 25, 2008.

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.



Neighborhood Leaf Removal Schedule

Fall 2007/Winter 2008

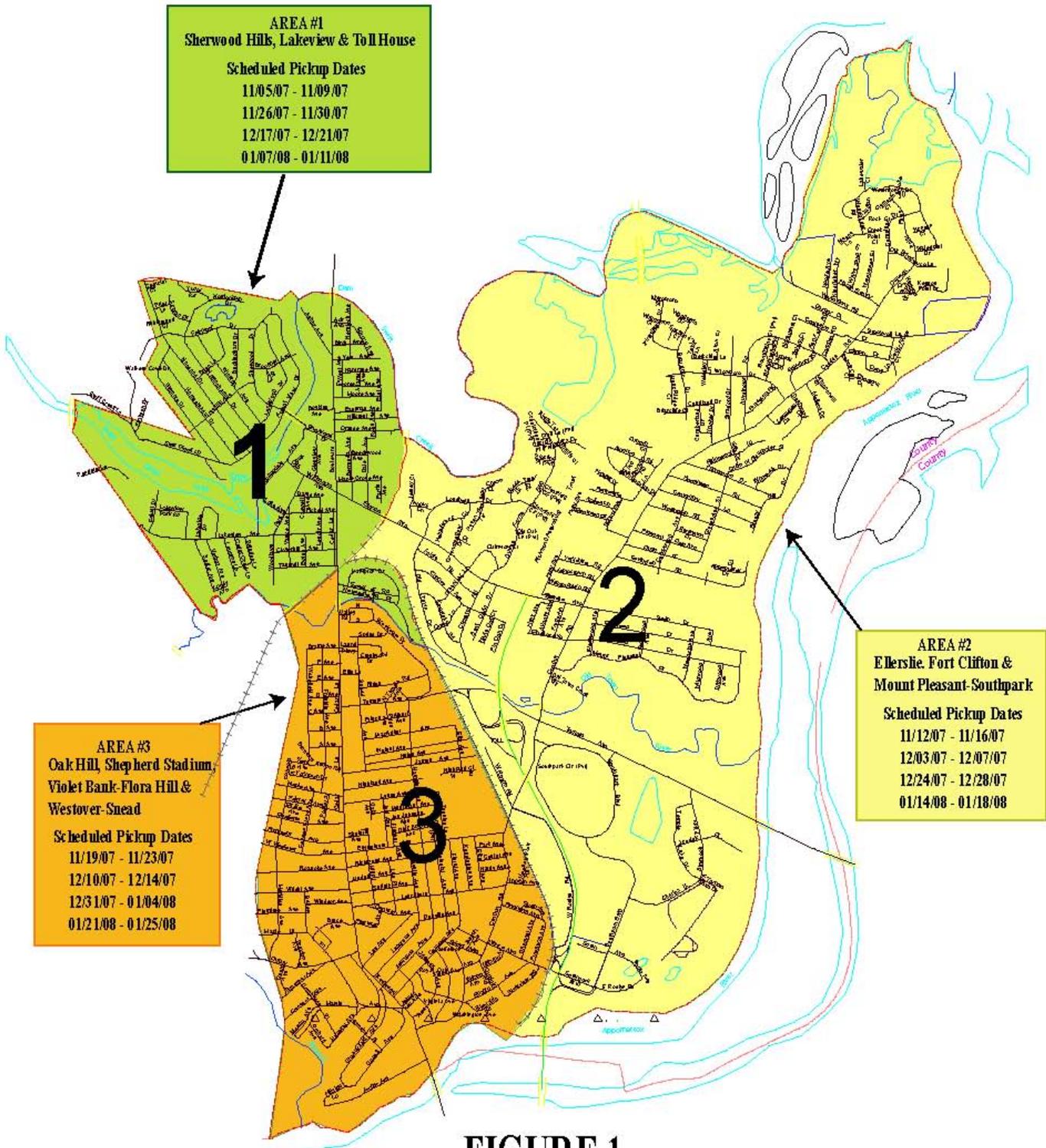


FIGURE 1