

The City Focus

Official newsletter for the City of Colonial Heights



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The City Focus and the Colonial Heights Recreation Department Activity Guide are now combined into one publication as an effort to get information out to City residents. The City Focus is produced quarterly and mailed to each household in Colonial Heights.

REC-happenings, the Recreation & Parks Department program listing, begins on Page 5 of the City Focus.

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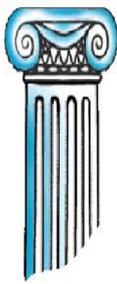
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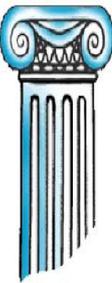
As you may or may not have heard, I have decided not to seek reelection in this fall's city election. After 12 years as your councilman and as that body's representative on the planning commission, I think it is time to take a break. I am glad that we have other citizens in our city that want to step up and serve in this sometimes thankless but rewarding job. I would like to

thank the many citizens, friends, neighbors, and anyone else who supported me in my elections. You cannot know how much that was appreciated. I would also like to thank you for the input, opinions and criticism that came with it when you are an elected official. Sometimes there were hard decisions to make and we did not agree on all of them, but I tried to take all the information and citizens input and make what I believed was the best decision for our city as a whole.

I believe our city is better now than when I came onto council with the many things we accomplished which include the library addition, 2 school additions, and the Temple Ave northbound ramp. With the help of volunteers, we also accomplished building two river front parks and a boat ramp. We are now completing over a mile of river front trail. When I first came on council, the only public access that we as citizens had to the Appomattox River was the pier at Fort Clifton. We worked hard and got things done and I want to especially thank all of the volunteers, and those businesses that volunteered the use of their equipment, donated materials, and to those who participated in helping me get that done. We have a new courthouse that I think will help continue our revitalization of our boulevard corridor. In my tenure, most of our city management has changed. I would like to thank all of the past and present management in helping me on these projects. One thing that our city has is many dedicated employees in public safety, public works, and recreation and parks in which they helped us get these things done. I would also like to thank the former and current members of council that I served with, as well as those that were on the planning commission with me.

We still have a long way to go to improve our city in many areas; as it is not the same Colonial Heights that many of us grew up in. Some things change for the better and some for the worse; hopefully, it will be more for the better. In closing, I would like to thank my wife and family for all of their help during elections, and for sharing me during my terms as your councilman.

With best regards,
Milton Freeland



Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Location: Colonial Heights Soccer Complex

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Colonial Heights Residents Only!

Rain Date: 08/26/14



Special Thanks to our 2013
Platinum Event Sponsors





Dates of Interest

Sept 1	City Holiday - Labor Day Trash delayed 1 day
Sept 2	DMV2Go 9am-4pm 1500 Boulevard
Sept 3	Planning Commission Meeting 7pm - Council Chambers
Sept 9	City Council Meeting 7pm - Council Chambers
Oct 7	Planning Commission Meeting 7:00pm - Council Chambers Celebrate Safe Communities See Article on next page
Oct 13	City Holiday - Columbus Day
Oct 14	City Council Meeting 7pm - Council Chambers
Nov 5	Planning Commission Meeting 7pm - Council Chambers
Nov 11	City Holiday - Veterans Day
Nov 18	City Council Meeting 7pm - Council Chambers
Nov 27-28	City Holiday - Thanksgiving

On the Cover...

A couple of Library members enjoy some reading time together at the Colonial Heights Public Library. The Library provides a wide range of library services to include traditional books/magazines, large audio book & DVD/Blu-Ray collection, an e-Library, a public computer center and wireless internet. The Library also offers meetings rooms and year round children's programs. Photo courtesy of John Rooney.

Standard & Poor's Raises City's Credit Rating Due to Financial Performance, Local Economy

The City of Colonial Heights has received an independent confirmation of its financial viability from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services who conducted a review of the city's finances and raised its credit rating of the city from "AA-" to "AA/Stable Upgraded", while predicting a secure financial outlook for the future. Standard & Poor's is recognized as one of the world's leading providers of independent credit ratings. S&P has published more than a million credit ratings on debt issued by municipal, corporate and financial sector entities. The credit rating is S&P's opinion on the general creditworthiness of the City with respect to debt or other financial obligation. The S&P rating is a result of an overall assessment of the City's finances and management practices; and reflects S&P's assessment of the city, which states, in part:

"We consider Colonial Heights's economy to be strong. The city is roughly 25 miles south of Richmond, the state capital and maintains ample retail, service, and government sectors, which anchor the local economy. Fort Lee, Home of the Combined Arms Support Command, is located one mile outside of the city. With easy access via several major thruways, residents find ample employment opportunities throughout the broad and diverse Richmond metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

The Colonial Heights-Dinwiddie County combined area unemployment level was 7.8% in 2013. Projected per capita effective buying income was 93.6% of the U.S. in 2013 with per capita market value of \$94,566. The tax base has declined almost 3% over the past five years as a result of the recession and softening of the housing market. Assessed value totaled \$1.66 billion in 2013 and we expect it to decrease another 1% for fiscal 2014. However, ongoing economic development, which includes two new supermarkets, an anchor department store and the conversion of an existing car dealership into a medical facilities building, should help stabilize the tax base in the near term.

In our opinion the city's budgetary flexibility remains very strong with reserves above 15% of expenditures for the past three fiscal years and no plans to significantly spend them down. Audited fiscal 2013 reserves were \$9.6 million or 18.6% of expenditures. Nearing the close of fiscal 2014, management estimates closing on a break even basis with reserves in line with the prior year. The city's budgetary performance has been strong overall in our view with a surplus of 0.2% for the general fund in fiscal 2012, but a slight deficit of 0.9% of total governmental funds. Fiscal 2013 closed with a \$119,000 surplus and a total available fund balance of \$9.6 million or 18.6% of expenditures. Management estimates fiscal 2014 to close on a break even basis as certain local revenues, primarily lodging and meals taxes, have modestly softened as a result of federal sequestration. However, management has held expenditures in check and we expect the city to come in slightly under budget. Property taxes account for 41% of total general fund revenues followed closely by local taxes at 31%.

We view the city's management conditions as strong with good financial practices. In our opinion, the city's debt and contingent liabilities profile is strong, with total governmental fund debt service at 7.4% of total governmental fund expenditures, and with net direct debt at 67.4% of total governmental fund revenue and slated to modestly rise to approximately 76.6% following a planned issuance of between \$4 -\$5 million in the next 12-24 months. In addition, overall net debt was 2.2% of market value.

The stable outlook reflects our view of the city's consistent financial performance and strong economy, which is supported by strong management."

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PREPARATIONS BEGIN FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Planning and preparations have begun for this year's *Annual Christmas Parade* – a longtime Colonial Heights tradition that will occur on **Tuesday, December 2** on the Boulevard. The nighttime parade is a unique event that draws people from all over the Tri-Cities area and has traditionally been managed for many years by the Colonial Heights Jaycees. For many of our long-time residents, the Jaycees Christmas Parade of year's past evokes very fond memories. The Jaycees are to be commended for their many years of making the *Annual Christmas Parade* into a true community event.

After much discussion, however, it has now been determined to be in the best interests of all for the City to assume full management control 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 Director Craig Skalak at Shepherd Stadium, 901 Meridian Avenue, (804) 520-9390 or by emailing christmasparade@colonialheightsva.gov.

While it will be our goal to maintain the *Parade's* traditions consistent with those from years past, there will be some new elements to this year's event:

(1) The parade will be on the 'new and improved' Boulevard; and will end at the new City Courthouse; (2) All parade units will be required to reflect a Holiday theme or the theme chosen by the parade committee, and must not be predominantly commercial in nature; (3) Limits will be placed on the number of similar groups permitted this year.

It is the City's goal to encourage participation from a broad range of community volunteers to support management of this year's *Parade*. Any individuals or community organizations interested in helping support the *Parade* are encouraged to contact the appropriate city staff. Mark your calendars for the *Colonial Heights Annual Christmas Parade* on **Tuesday, December 2!**

CELEBRATE SAFE COMMUNITIES

Celebrate Safe Communities is an opportunity for residents to meet and greet their neighbors while taking a stand against crime in their neighborhoods. During the evening, police officers, administrators, government leaders, and elected officials visit events to discuss neighborhood concerns and meet residents. Information on how to start a Neighborhood Watch will be available at each event location.



Celebrate Safe Communities will be held on **Tuesday, October 7, 2014** between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm. The rain date will be on Thursday, October 9, 2014. Event hosts are notifying their neighbors by delivering flyers. For a complete listing of the events please visit www.colonialheightsva.gov. If you are interested in hosting a Celebrate Safe Communities event in your neighborhood please contact Officer Sophie Benkendorf at 804-520-9318 or benkendorfs@colonialheightsva.gov.

Upcoming Election



Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Polls open 6:00am; close at 7:00pm

Write-ins are permissible for all offices. Last day to register to vote in the November 2014 election is October 14, 2014. Deadline to apply for absentee ballot by mail is October 28, 2014 and to apply in person is November 1, 2014. To check your registration status, please go to www.sbe.virginia.gov or call the Registrar's office at 804-520-9277. Beginning with the November 4, 2014 election, a photo ID will be required before you may vote. Please note the following are acceptable at the polls: a valid Virginia driver's license, a valid U.S. passport, any other valid photo ID issued by the United States, Virginia or one of its political subdivisions, a valid student photo ID issued by an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, or a valid employee photo identification card. If you have no acceptable form of photo ID as mentioned above, an ID may be obtained at the Registrar's office, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm. Official candidates on the ballot for Colonial Heights:

United States Senate

Ed W. Gillespie (R)
Robert Sarvis (L)
Mark R. Warner (D)

House of Representatives (4th District)

Bo C. Brown (L)
Elliot G. Fausz (D)
J. Randy Forbes (R)

Colonial Heights City Council (3 seats)

C. Scott Davis
John E. Piotrowski
John T. Wood

Colonial Heights School Board (2 seats)

Krishan M. Agrawal
Richard M. "Mike" Yates

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

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



Sports/Athletics

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 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...



FALL ADULT SOFTBALL

Ages: 16 and up

Colonial Heights Recreation is now accepting teams for its 2014 Fall Adult Softball league. Teams will play games Monday thru Thursday (depending on what league they are in). Team registration is \$400 per team, with league fees going toward; umpires, staff, awards and field upkeep.

Mo-Th 9/8- 11/6 6:30-10:30pm
 \$400 Lakeview Fields
 \$200 payable to City of Colonial Heights
 \$200 payable to VA USSSA

YOUTH WRESTLING

REGISTRATION

Ages: 1st - 7th Grades
 Staff: Colonials Youth Wrestling
 Coach Wade Thayer - 520-7526

Registration will be accepted on the following dates at the CHHS cafeteria from 6pm-8pm. October 14, October 16, October 21, October 23. Registration will also be accepted Mon-Fri, starting Oct 13-Oct 31, 8:00am-5:00pm at Shepherd Stadium. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident.

Tue/Thur 6:00 - 8:00pm
 Practices start: 11/5
 Location: CHHS wrestling room
 Votech Ctr
 Fees: \$31
 (payable to Colonials Youth Wrestling)
 Deadline: 10/31

CH SOCCER ASSOCIATION RECREATION SOCCER CAMP

The following camp is a recreational, fun soccer camp put on by the Colonial Heights Soccer Association for children that have registered in the youth soccer league. For more info and to register visit www.colonialheightssoccer.com

Mo-Fr 8/25-8/29 6-8pm
 \$20 Soccer Complex

YOUTH TENNIS

TOURNAMENT

Ages: 6-17

Age Divisions will be set-up based on the number of participants. T-shirts will be given to all those that participate and 1st and 2nd place awards will be given in each age division.

We-Fr 8/13-8/15 5:30-6:30pm
 \$10 CHHS Tennis Courts

YOUTH BASKETBALL

LEAGUE

REGISTRATION

Ages: 6-15 (Age as of January 1, 2015)
 Registration will be accepted on the following Saturdays at Shepherd Stadium from 9am - 12pm. **October 18.** Registration will also be accepted Monday thru Friday, starting October 13 thru November 7, during regular office hours of 8:00am - 5:00pm at Shepherd Stadium. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident.

Practices start: early December
 Fee: \$20
 Deadline: 11/7

The fee for anyone registering after November 7 is \$30.00. Players registering after November 7 are subject to being placed on a waiting list.

COED Instructional League: ages 6-8

Boys Age Divisions:

U-10 ages 9-10
 U-12 ages 11-12
 U-15 ages 13-15

Girls Age Divisions:

Minor League ages 9-11
 Junior League ages 12-14
 Girls age 15 may play in the boys U-15 league.

***Players must have returned any baseball/softball uniforms and/or football/cheerleading equipment to register*

FALL ADULT KICKBALL

LEAGUE

Ages: 16 and up
 Colonial Heights Recreation is now accepting registration for its Fall Adult Kick Ball League. League play will begin in early September and run through October. Teams will play one game a week, with number of games determined by teams registered. Cost is \$100 per team with cost covering staff, equipment and awards. Deadline to register is Friday, August 29.

Th 9/11-10/30 6:30- 7:30pm
 \$100 B Field/Civic Field

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FALL TENNIS LESSONS

Ages: 7+

Deadline to register is Fri before lessons begin. Tennis basics, rules & court etiquette will be taught.

Ages 7-10

Mo/We Sep 8-Oct 23 6-7pm
 Tu/Th Sep 8-Oct 23 6-7pm
 \$35 High School Courts

Ages 11-17

Mo/We Sep 8-Oct 23 7:10-8:40pm
 \$40 High School Courts

Ages 18 and Up

Tu/Th Sep 8-Oct 23 7:10-8:40pm
 \$40 High School Courts

GOLF LESSONS

Ages: 9-16

Golf lessons are offered to 10 students who are interested in the sport of golf. Participating youth will learn: safety, etiquette, rules of the game and planning that compromises the Sticks for Kids and The First Tee of Chesterfield philosophies.

Tu 9/16-10/17 5-6pm
 \$10 The 1st Tee of Chesterfield
 6736 Hunting Creek Drive
 Richmond, VA

Transportation is not provided. Price includes golf clubs if needed.

Fitness

PIYO

Ages: 18 and up

The best of all worlds! Class will aid women and men in losing weight and burning off fat without high-impact jumps or complex choreography. Build muscle without lifting heavy weights or bulking up. Get results of an extreme program without straining joints. Restore flexibility and core strength. Please bring a yoga mat.

Tu/Th 9/2-9/30 6-7pm
 Tu/Th 10/2-10/30 6-7pm
 Tu/Th 11/4-11/25 6-7pm
 \$30 Community Center

BELLY DANCING

This class is designed to teach the Traditional Cabaret Style belly dancing while providing an excellent cardio workout that strengthen your core as well as your abdominal and lower body muscles. All shapes, sizes, and fitness levels are welcome. Classes meet the 1st, 2nd & 4th Thurs & 3rd Fri of each month.

Th 9/4-9/25 6-7pm
 Th 10/2-10/23 6-7pm
 Th 10/30-11/21 6-7pm
 \$30 Community Center

OKINAWAN KARATE

Children's Class

This class is for ages 5 to 9 years old. The focus 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 & coordination. Once a student is proficient in all the basics, they may move up to the next class.

Mo/We 9/3-9/29 5-5:45pm
 Mo/We 10/1-10/29 5-5:45pm
 Mo/We 11/3-11/24 5-5:45pm
 \$30 Lakeview Elementary

Youth/Teen Class

This class is for ages 10 - 17 years old unless moved up by Renshi Collins. This class moves at a faster pace and more advanced techniques are taught. New students accepted in January, June, and September for this class.

Mo/We 9/1-9/29 6-7:30pm
 Mo/We 10/1-10/29 6-7:30pm
 Mo/We 11/3-11/26 6-7:30pm
 \$40 Lakeview Elementary

CARDIO BLAST+STRONG

The best of all worlds! Each month you will sweat with Zumba, Kickboxing, Strong, Tabata, and Hi-Lo Aerobics. Each Tuesday/Thursday is a new Cardio Fusion workout. This dynamic class provides one hour of sculpting abs, trimming the waistline, toning and strengthening the upper and lower body for the ultimate workout. Intensity level of each class ranges from medium to low to high ... depending on your personal challenge.

Tu/Th 9/2-9/30 6:30-7:30pm
 Tu/Th 10/2-10/30 6:30-7:30pm
 Tu/Th 11/4-11/25 6:30-7:30pm
 \$30 Lakeview Elementary

ZUMBA

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music - dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system! It is a mixture of body sculpting movements with easy to follow dance steps. The routines feature aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. Zumba utilizes the principles of fitness interval training and resistance training to maximize caloric output, fat burning and total body toning.

Mo/We 9/1-9/29 6-7pm
 Mo/We 10/1-10/29 6-7pm
 Mo/We 11/3-11/26 6-7pm
 \$30 North Elementary

Classes & Activities

DRAWING CLASSES

Ages : 8+

Instructor: Avon Miles Jr, Selim Nova Studio
 Make Something Great! Give your child a new way to see the world: through drawing! This class teaches basic drawing techniques aimed at helping youth interpret what they see. It covers contour drawings, still life drawings, gesture drawings, and much more! Class teaches the foundations while emphasizing self-expression and experimentation. Price includes all needed supplies.

We 9/3-9/24 5:30-7:30pm
 We 10/1-10/22 5:30-7:30pm
 We 11/5-11/19 5:30-7:30pm
 \$40 Community Center

Colonial Heights Recreation & Parks Department

Seattle Seahawks vs. Washington Redskins



Monday, October 6, 2014



Departure time: 2:00 pm Game Time: 8:30 pm

Cost: \$300.00 for lower level tickets in section 114

\$75.00 deposit due at registration. All cost includes ticket, snacks, and transportation on Motorcoach

Departure from: Shepherd Stadium, Roanoke Avenue/Meridian Avenue

MAD SCIENCE: EUREKA! INVENTOR'S CAMP



Ages: Rising 1st-5th Graders
Eureka! Inventor's Camp - Creative Contraption Warning! This is a camp designed by our own creative inventors! Each day campers will be given a series of challenges which must be overcome using basic materials, simple machines, tips from world famous inventors and the most important thing of all... their mind. With a little bit of ingenuity they'll construct catapults and forts and then lay siege, fabricate innovative flying contraptions, design their own gizmo prototypes, and will even assemble a working light saber to take home. This camp is facilitated by Mad Science, centralva.madscience.org.

Mo-Fri 8/18-8/22 1-4pm
\$159 Community Center

JR. ROBOTICS



Ages: 7-13
How would you like to turn your next LEGO® creation into a robot, programmed to do exactly what you tell it to do? The Bricks 4 Kidz® new Junior Robotics camp offers all the fun of building with LEGO® bricks, PLUS the challenge of computer programming! This fun, action-packed week combines real-life skills with real-kid fun! All Campers take home a Bricks 4 Kidz T-shirt and a certificate at the end of the week. www.bricks4kidz.com/tri-cities.

Mo-Fr 8/11-8/15 1-4pm
\$135 Community Center

COMEDYSPORTZ: IMPROV KIDZ CAMP LEVEL I

Ages: 9-14
ComedySportz is pleased to offer our Youth Summer Camps program - an intensive version of our popular classes to Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks. Our years of teaching and performing make each camp an experience our students never forget. Improv training fosters creativity, teamwork, confidence and poise both on and off the stage. SummerCamps are a great way to learn about improv and the stage in a fun and supportive environment! CSz Improv Kidz Camp Level I teaches the basic skills of improvisation and performance. Students learn to create stories, connect with other and be mindful of their own abilities while increasing self esteem and confidence. Each camp ends with a performance by the students at the Comedysportz improv Theatre. Camp concludes with a Comedy Improv show for family and friends.

Mo-Fr 8/25-8/29 1-4pm
\$110 Community Center

TOTS PLAYGROU

Ages : 3-5
This program is an interactive classroom experience. It engages youth through the use of educational activities, crafts, sing-a-longs, circle time, special guests and trips. All enrolled youth must be fully potty trained to attend. Participants parents are encouraged to drop-off their child(ren) during program hours to allow participants to get use to a classroom setting. This program has a maximum of 20 participants. Participants will take a trip on Fridays.

Mo/Th/Fr 9/8-9/26 9-11am
Mo/Th/Fr 10/6-10/31 9-11am
Mo/Th/Fr 11/3-11/21 9-11am
\$25/week CH Library

VALERIE STEWART PORTRAIT CLASS

Everyone, from beginners to advanced painters will love this 4 day seminar. Each student will complete 2 portraits. Choose your own subject, your children, grand-children, parents or pet, its up to you. All paints are provided, bring your own canvas and brushes. Full payment due at registration for September class, \$200 deposit due at registration for October class.

Th-Su 9/25-9/28 9am-4pm
Th-Su 10/23-10/26 9am-4pm
\$420 Community Center

Trips

RIVERSIDE THEATER FREDERICKSBURG, VA

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

Hank Williams

An edgy, energetic country-musical journey of the legendary singer-songwriter's rise from humble beginnings in Louisiana to triumph on the Grand Ole Opry stage and eventual self-destruction at age 29.

We 9/10 10am-6pm \$60

Spamalot

Lovingly and unapologetically "ripped off" from the classic film comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail, this spoof of the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table features a bevy of beautiful show girls, personable cows, killer rabbits, and French characters. Stretching the imagination in its retelling of the legendary tale of Camelot, it has been performed worldwide in multiple languages.

We 11/12 10am-6pm \$60

BALTIMORE ORIOLES VS NEW YORK YANKEES DAY TRIP

Join us for a trip to Camden Yards in Baltimore to see the Orioles take on the Yankees. Transportation on a Motorcoach bus. Limited quantity available. Great seats on the 3rd base line, section 66.



Su 9/14 Depart 9:00am
\$80/person Game Time 1:35pm

CHARLES TOWN RACES & SLOTS



Monday October 13, 2014
\$ 48 .00 per person
depart 7:00 am return approx. 9:30 pm
 WILL DEPART FROM THE CORNER OF ROANOKE AND MERIDIAN AVE
motorcoach transportation
 Breakfast stop at Hardee on the way (on your own)
 Minimum of 40 required

\$20.00 Free Slot

CALL TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION 520-9220 OR 520-9390

REC-happenings

Teens

TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center is located inside the Community Center at 157 Roanoke Ave. Participants be City of Colonial Heights residents, and be eligible for enrollment at Colonial Heights Middle School or Colonial Heights High School. Contact the Teen Center at (804)524-8717 for more information. Admission to the Teen Center is FREE. Participants may bring a guest, but there is a \$5 charge for guests. The Teen Center features an Xbox 360, PS3, PS4, Wii, 3 big screen TVs, computers, arcade basketball, and foosball.

Hours of Operation

Monday-Saturday 3-8pm
 Sunday CLOSED

RECREATION DEPARTMENT DANCES FOR CHMS

STUDENTS

Ages: CHMS Students

Cost includes: Chaperones, DJ, Pizza, & Drinks. All participants must have a Teen Center Consent form on file to attend.

Fr	Sept 26	7-9pm
Fr	Nov 7	7-9pm
\$5	Community Center	

Seniors

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.

TRIAD FALL SCHEDULE

Th	August 21	1:30pm
Topic	Outsmarting investment fraud and the psychology of a scam	
Th	September 18	1:30pm
Topic	Food Safety	
Th	October 16	1:30pm
Topic	Domestic Violence & Fire safety	

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

FALL SCHEDULE

We	September 3	11am
Topic	Nutrition	
We	October 1	11am
Topic	Chiropractor	
We	November 5	11am
Topic	Early signs of stroke	

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY & FITNESS

CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
 9:30am Tai Chi
 9:30am Bowling (*League Fee*)
 10:00am Strength & Stretch
 11:00am Interactive Watercolor Class
 11:30am Table Tennis
 2:00pm Tennis (*Lakeview Park*)

Tuesday

9:00am Yoga
 10:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
 11:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
 12:30pm Duplicate Bridge
 1:00pm Bingo
 6:00pm Quilting

Wednesday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
 10:00am Strength & Stretch
 10:00am Crochet & Knitting Group
 1:00pm Party Bridge
 1:45pm Walking Club
 2:00pm Painter's Group

Thursday

9:00am Yoga
 10:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
 11:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
 10:00am Sing-A-Long
 1:15pm Senior Citizens Club Meeting
 1:30pm TRIAD (*3rd Thursday*)
 2:00pm Watercolor

Friday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
 10:00am Strength & Stretch
 12:00pm AARP Luncheon (*2nd Friday*)
 6:00pm Oil Painting
 7:00pm Senior Dance (*2nd Friday - \$6*)

Saturday

9:00am Splash of Color (*3rd Saturday*)
 9:00am Oil Painting (*1st Saturday*)



3 Days Only!

October 3-5

Greater Richmond Convention Center



Join the LEGO® KidsFest Tour for hands-on educational fun for all ages: LEGO & DUPLO® Construction Zones, dozens of large-scale and miniature LEGO models and displays, LEGO Games, group builds, LEGO Master Builders, and much more! We have tickets on sale for the following session for the 2014 event

Sat, October 4, 2014

Session II: 3:00 - 7:30 pm

\$20.00 per child/adult



A Look Back In Time.....

This photo is taken from the late 1940's. Can you guess where the location is?
Answer is at the bottom of page 10.

Photo from Joe Elko



From the Treasurer's Office

New Dog and Cat tags will go on sale Nov. 1, and are due Feb 1, 2015. We have 1, 2, and 3 year tags available. You may purchase a 2 or 3 year tag if your pet's rabies vaccination is still current in 2016 or 2017. Please remember to bring your paperwork from the Vet, showing your animal's shots are up to date. If paperwork shows that your pet has been spayed / neutered, there will be a reduction in price. Please contact us at 520-9235 with any questions regarding your dog or cat tags for the upcoming year.

2nd half, 2014 Real Estate taxes will be due 11/17/2014. If you have recently refinanced, or paid off your mortgage, please contact us at 520-9325. We want to make sure that we send your bill to the correct address. Also, it is never too late to make pre-payments on your taxes. Many citizens find it helpful to make payments throughout the year instead of paying just 2 installments. If you have questions regarding this, or need assistance to be set up on a yearly payment plan, please contact us at 520-9325.

From the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office

The City of Colonial Heights does have a vehicle registration fee and decal. All motor vehicles and trailers must display that decal within 30 days of moving into the City or upon purchasing a vehicle. Bring your permanent state registration to the Commissioner of the Revenue Office in City Hall to register your vehicle and purchase your decal. This is a permanent decal that remains on your vehicle as long as you own it or until you move out of the City. Also, keep in mind that DMV does not tell us about vehicles you may no longer own or that you recently purchased. Call or come by our office to advise us of any such vehicles or trailers so that we can update your personal property records. This also pertains to boats and personal watercraft. Be sure that the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries knows that you no longer own or sold a watercraft.

Also, to all individuals or entities that conduct any type of business within the City, 2014 City of Colonial Heights Business License renewals are past due. New businesses should have their license in hand before opening or at least within 30 days of opening for business. Come by our office in City Hall and we will be happy to talk to you about your particular circumstances.



**MOVIE
in the
PARK**



TUE AUG 19
Soccer Complex
Doors open at 8PM;
Movie begins at
8:30PM.
FREE

The City Focus

Neighborhood Leaf Removal Service Fall 2014/Winter 2015

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 2013/14 season, city crews collected approximately 3,036 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 (next page) 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. Leaves will be collected and removed during the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning November 10, 2014 and ending January 30, 2015.

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. 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 offstreet parking is encouraged wherever available. "No Parking" signs may be used to restrict parking on neighborhood streets while city crews remove leaf piles. To avoid damaging personal property, city crews will not rake leaf piles out from under or between parked cars. Residents may contact the Public Works Department at 520-9372 for more information about this convenient neighborhood service.

A Look Back In Time...

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The building with the 2 tractor trailers sitting in front is about where Long John Silver's sits today. Do you have an old photo that you would like to share? Please email your photo to gibbse@colonialheightsva.gov.



CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The Utility Division of the City of Colonial Heights Department of Public Works will be testing and flushing FIRE HYDRANTS throughout the City starting August 18, and continuing through October 22, 2014.

The City will be divided into four sections. The sections and dates are as follows:

SOUTHEAST SECTION: August 18, through September 2, east of I-95, from ELLERSLIE/YACHT BASIN, SOUTH, TO E. ROSLYN RD.

NORTHEAST SECTION: September 3, through September 18, east of I-95, from ELLERSLIE/YACHT BASIN, NORTH, TO SWIFT CREEK.

NORTHWEST SECTION: September 19, through October 6, west of I-95, from NORTH CITY LIMITS, SOUTH, TO OLD TOWN CREEK.

SOUTHWEST SECTION: October 7, through October 22, west of I-95 from OLD TOWN CREEK, SOUTH, TO ARCHER AVE.

Please mark the date on your calendar when Fire Hydrant flushing is planned in your area. The dates above are subject to change due to emergencies or adverse weather conditions.

You may experience some discolored water between these times, if this should happen, first run the cold water in your bathtub for about 15 to 20 minutes, if your problem does not clear up within this time period please contact the Utilities Division **520-9393** between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. After hours or weekends call the Police Department **520-9300** and they will dispatch Utility personnel to your home or business.



Neighborhood Leaf Removal Schedule Fall 2014/Winter 2015

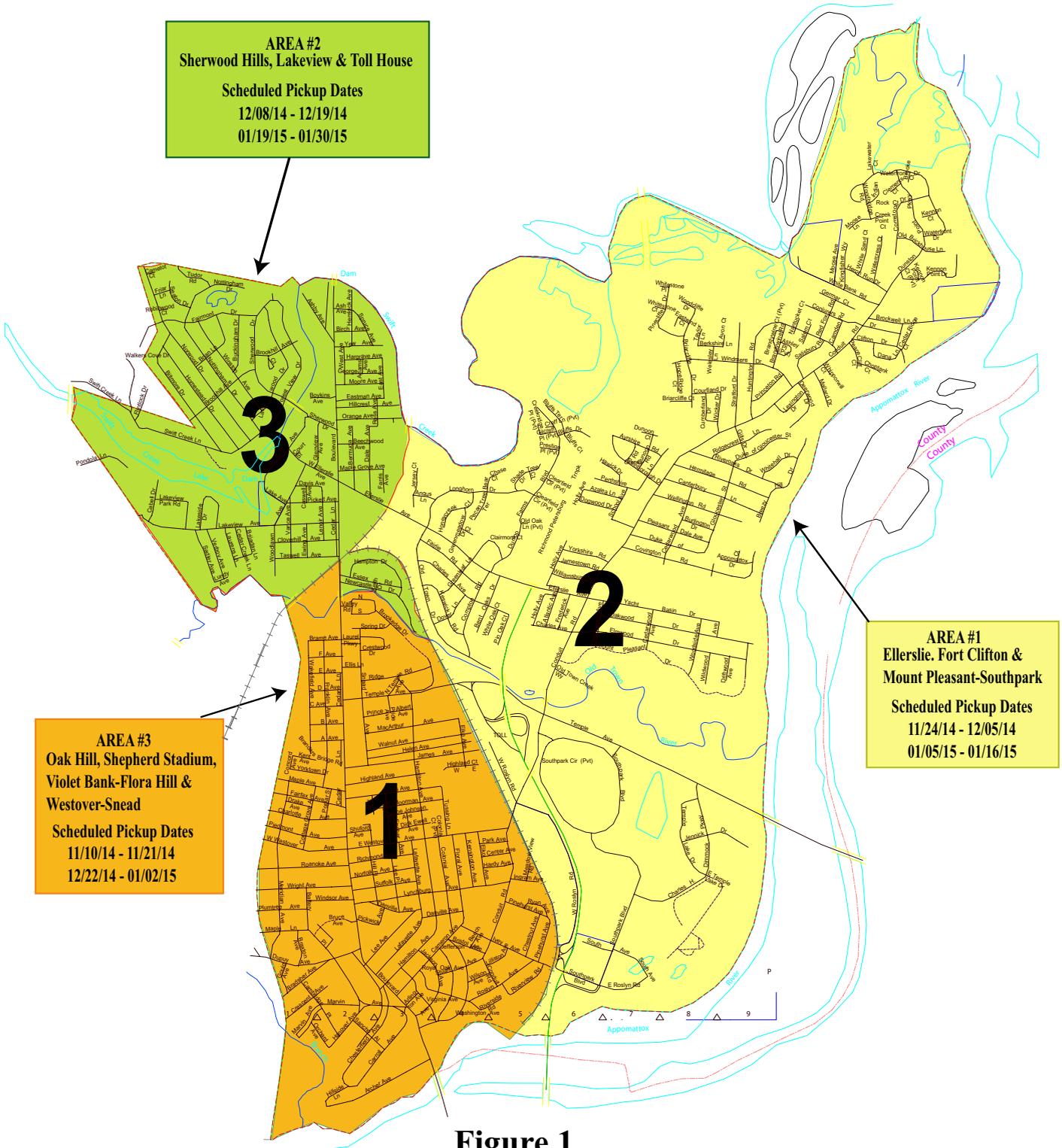


Figure 1

The City of Colonial Heights
welcomes our new business partners



328 Southpark Circle



334 Southpark Circle



338 Southpark Circle



1080 Temple Avenue
(expansion)



1621 Boulevard
(new location)



SHERWIN
WILLIAMS.
1504 Boulevard



551 Southpark Boulevard

Fau Style Auto Detailing — 501 Southpark Boulevard

Rais Clinic — 3419 Boulevard

SoSimple Salon — 1410 Boulevard

Southpark Medical Center — 325 Charles Dimmock Parkway

Timeless Beauty — 1902 Boulevard

Yu Pediatrics, PC — 325 Charles Dimmock Parkway, Suite 600



Look for the Winter Edition of
The City Focus
in your mailbox the middle of
November 2014.

HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

October 31, 2014

Flora M. Hill Park

Colonial Heights Residents Only

Trick or Treating

Refreshments

Games

Moonwalk

Haunted House

Free Candy



Can't get to DMV?
DMV is coming to you!

City Hall Centre - 1500 Boulevard

Tue, Sept 2nd - 9:00AM to 4:00PM

With the latest technology, the wireless office on wheels offers all DMV services:

- ▶ Apply for or renew your ID card – available for adults and children.
- ▶ Apply for or renew your driver's license – take road and knowledge tests; get your picture taken. Reinstate driving privileges.
- ▶ Get a copy of your driving record.
- ▶ Obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals, transcripts.
- ▶ Order disabled parking placards or plates.
- ▶ Recently moved? Stop in to update your address on your DMV record. At the same time you can update your voter registration address and organ donor status.
- ▶ Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to set up a myDMV account – receive DMV notices via email or phone; conduct secure transactions on the DMV website, www.dmvNOW.com.
- ▶ Search for other state services through a Virginia Internet portal.
- ▶ And more!

Bringing DMV service to **you.**

Department of Motor Vehicles

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