

The City Focus

Official Newsletter for the City of Colonial Heights



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COUNCIL COLUMN

Welcome to the Council Column! It is my privilege to share in this issue of The City Focus. As a lifelong resident of Colonial Heights, I am a product of its public education, recreation, and service. The opportunities I had as a student, sports player, and city volunteer have helped mold me professionally. I am proud to be from such a small, productive community! Closing in on my first year as a council member, I appreciate the relationships I have made and the support I have received. It is my goal to serve purposefully and to make decisions to preserve our city's values and traditions. I want to give back a portion of what this city has provided for me.

On October 6th, I took part in Celebrate Safe Communities. At each event I visited, I was impressed to see so many citizens taking time to converse with their neighbors and enjoy a bite to eat. I have great appreciation for all those that participated and made this event possible. From each event host to police officers, firefighters, administrators, government leaders, and elected officials, thank you! I look forward, to taking part in this annual tradition that aids in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

With fall setting in and the holiday season quickly approaching, we continue to carry on other city traditions as well. When marking your calendars this year, be sure to visit the city's website to find specific information on the events taking place in the months ahead. These events include the 4th Annual Turkey Trot, an event that helps promote healthy living and raises funds for special school programs and scholarships. Also again this year, the city will hold its 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. On this evening, families are invited to visit with Santa and enjoy live entertainment prior to lighting the tree. Lastly, you will want to attend the 63rd Annual Christmas parade along the newly constructed Boulevard!

Traditions young or old help to bring us back together year after year. I look forward to this season's events, seeing familiar faces, and meeting new ones, too. Thank you for allowing me to represent you.

With best regards,

John E. Piotrowski
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Dates of Interest

Dec 1	Christmas Parade 7:00 pm - Boulevard
Dec 2	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 8	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 15	City Council Special Meeting 6:00 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 24&25	City Holiday - Christmas
Jan 1	City Holiday - New Year's Day *Recycling Delayed 1 Day
Jan 5	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Jan 12	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Jan 19	City Council Special Meeting 6:00 pm - Council Chambers
Feb 2	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Feb 9	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Feb 16	City Council Regular Meeting 6:00 pm - Council Chambers

On the Cover...

This photo was taken at the Colonial Heights Jaycees annual Christmas Parade in 2014 and is courtesy of Brittany-Marie. Brittany-Marie was the Grand Marshall for the City of Colonial Heights' 2014 Christmas Parade. This year's Christmas Parade will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m.

For more information see the article to the right, contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 520-9390 or visit the Christmas Parade website at:

www.colonialheightsva.gov/ChristmasParade

City of Colonial Heights Christmas Parade

Parade Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Theme: "Christmas on the Boulevard"

Parade Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

This year's 63rd Annual Christmas Parade – a longtime Colonial Heights tradition – will occur on **Tuesday, December 1** 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.

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.

Thank you to the following businesses and/or organizations for sponsoring this year's Christmas Parade (as of November 2nd):

Santa's Elves Sponsors



Open 7 days. Just walk in.

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haircuttery.com

**Swift Creek Federated
Woman's Club**

Band Sponsors



FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CENTER



ESSENTRA

I-95 Temple Avenue Roundabout Project

Coordination and pre-construction activities continue on the I-95 Temple Avenue Roundabout Project. The project team is working to further the final design for acceptance in December 2015, with construction to begin in the spring of 2016. Some utility relocation will begin in late October of this year. This relocation work will have no impact to traffic or travel.

A "Pardon Our Dust" public meeting will be held in late January/early February to formally kick-off the construction phase of the project. This meeting will provide the project team an opportunity to share detailed plans for the project, and allow members of the community to have any questions answered. More information will be shared about this meeting as details are confirmed.

Why a roundabout?

The roundabout design was chosen as the most efficient design for this congested intersection to provide improved safety and traffic flow. A roundabout reduces traffic and wait times by allowing traffic to continually move at a low rate of speed versus coming to a complete stop at signals. This will be especially important during peak traffic hours.

Keep up to date on the progress of the project by visiting VDOT's project website at http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/richmond/i-95_temple_ave.asp



Kroger Completes Purchase of Former Colonial Heights Courthouse;

New Store to Open in Early 2017



The City of Colonial Heights announced today the long-anticipated acquisition of the former city courthouse site at 401 Temple Avenue by Kroger for the construction of a new grocery store, the first of its kind in the Tri-Cities area. The transaction included a purchase price for the property of \$2.56M, although it also includes a number of additional commitments by Kroger for public improvements and substantial financial investment.

This sale is believed to represent the largest amount ever paid to the City for the sale of public property to a private interest.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the City of Colonial Heights and the Tri-Cities Area as this economic development initiative will bring new life to a business corridor, new jobs to our community, and new revenue to initiate currently unfunded capital projects", said Colonial Heights Mayor T. Gregory Kochuba.

In early 2013, Kroger Mid-Atlantic and the City Council executed a Development Agreement approving a plan for acquisition of the former courthouse site and the construction of one of Kroger's largest, full-service stores. The Colonial Heights Kroger will be approximately 95,000 square feet and will include, but not be limited to, a pharmacy, organics, natural foods, bakery/deli, fuel center, and other services.

As part of the Development Agreement, Kroger is committed to a minimum local investment of \$8,000,000 in the construction of the new store and acquisition of new personal property. Kroger will also create at least two hundred (200) new jobs in Colonial Heights, including forty (40) full-time equivalent positions.

The new store will be Kroger's 19th in the region following the Iron Bridge Marketplace store opening in Chesterfield County. It further illustrates Kroger Mid-Atlantic's continued investment in the region and aligns nicely with the city's commitment to boosting revenue for Colonial Heights.

"We're excited to deliver the Kroger experience to new customers in the Tri-Cities Area," said Joe Fey, Kroger Mid-Atlantic president. "We're grateful for our partnership with the City of Colonial Heights and we're looking forward to serving the community here."

Currently, the Southpark Mall area is the central hub for shopping and commerce in the Tri-Cities Area. The Colonial Heights Kroger will be the first grocer to build on the west side of Interstate 95, allowing for easier access and less traffic for customers in Colonial Heights, as well as those coming from surroundings areas like Fort Lee, Hopewell, Petersburg, Prince George, Dinwiddie and others.

"This has certainly been a long journey for us bringing the City's partnership with Kroger to fruition," said Colonial Heights City Manager Tom Mattis. "Their project will not only bring new services to our community but will also create jobs and much-needed new revenue in support of city taxpayers. I'm very excited to be part of it."

Kroger anticipates that it will begin initial site work and demolition of the existing building by March, 2016. Kroger expects that the new grocery store will be open for business no later than April, 2017.

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
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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 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...



YOUTH BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Ages: Boys 4-18 (as of 4/30/16)

Girls 4-15 (as of 1/1/16)

Registration for 2016 youth baseball and softball leagues will begin on February 1st, 2016. We will have extended office hours on Saturday February 6th from 9am-12pm at Shepherd Stadium. The deadline to register is March 5th. 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 5th; \$30 after March 5th, children registered after March 5th 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

YOUTH TRACK & FIELD

Ages 7-14

Colonial Heights Recreation Department and Colonial Heights High School Track Team are offering a Track & Field Program. The program is designed to allow youth the opportunity to learn track & field events as well as practice the skills needed to become a successful track athlete.

Mo/We	3/14-4/25	5:30-6:30pm
\$20	CH Football Stadium	

SPRING ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages 16+

Registration is currently being accepted for the Men's Open Leagues & Church Leagues for the 2016 Spring/Summer Adult Softball Leagues. Registration Deadline for the Spring/Summer season will be Friday, March 11, 2016.

Fee: \$600 (Payable in two checks - \$300.00 to City of Colonial Heights and \$300.00 payable to, VA USSSA)

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.



Santa's Calling

December 15
or
December 16

(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.

ELKS HOOP SHOOT

Ages 8-13

The Elks Hoop Shoot is sponsored by the Petersburg Elks Lodge #237. In this program girls and boys will shoot 30 free throws and those with the most made in their age bracket have the opportunity to advance to district, regional and national Championship events. Registration for this event will take place on-site the day of the event.



Su 12/13 1:00pm
FREE CHHS Gym

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 12/6; 12/20-12/27 1-3pm
Su 1/3-1/31 1-3pm
Su 2/7-2/28 1-3pm
FREE CH High School Gym

Ages 15+

Su 12/6; 12/20-12/27 3:15-5:15pm
Su 1/3-1/31 3:15-5:15pm
Su 2/7-2/28 3:15-5:15pm
FREE CH High School Gym

YOUTH SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for 2016 Spring youth soccer leagues will begin online January 1, 2016 at www.colonialheightssoccer.com. Players from all localities are welcome for an additional \$5 per player fee. All games and 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, January 23rd from 10am-2pm. 1st time registrants are required to show proof of age. You must register by February 22nd to guarantee a spot on a team and to receive a uniform if needed.

Practices will start the week of March 21st and games will be played on Saturdays beginning April 2nd and ending May 21st. For more information email chsainformation@gmail.com.

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

There may be an additional \$25 fee for a uniform if you are a first time registrant.

Classes & Activities

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. No classes 1/18, 2/15, 3/28, 3/30.

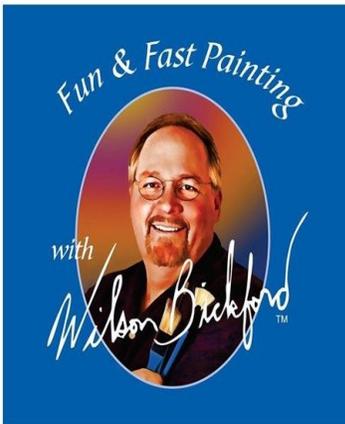
Mo/We 12/2, 12/14, 12/16 (\$15) 5:00-5:45pm
Mo/We 1/4-2/24 5:00-5:45pm
Mo/We 2/29-4/27 5:00-5:45pm
\$60 Lakeview Elem. Gym

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. No classes 1/18, 2/15, 3/28, 3/30.

Mo/We 12/2, 12/14, 12/16 (\$20) 6:00-7:30pm
Mo/We 1/5-1/28 6:00-7:30pm
Mo/We 2/2-2/25 6:00-7:30pm
\$80 Lakeview Elem. Gym

Visit our website at
www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks
to view info on our parks & facilities.



BELLY DANCING

Beginner (Ages 13+)

This class is designed to teach the traditional Cabaret Style belly dancing while providing an excellent cardio workout that strengthen your core and your abdominal and lower body muscles. All shapes, sizes, and fitness levels are welcome. Class will meet each Thursday of the month.

Th 1/7-1/28 5:30pm-6:30pm
Th 2/4-2/25 5:30pm-6:30pm
\$30 Community Center

Intermediate/Advanced (Ages 13+)

This class is designed to take the traditional Cabaret style belly dancing to the next level - 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. Class will meet each Thursday of the month.

Th 1/7-1/28 6:30pm-7:30pm
Th 2/4-2/25 6:30pm-7:30pm
\$30 Community Center

ZUMBA

Ages 13+

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music. Dance themes are used to create a dynamic, exciting and 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.

Mo/We 12/2-12/16 (\$25) 6:00-7:00pm
Mo/We 1/4-1/27 6:00-7:00pm
Mo/We 2/1-2/29 6:00-7:00pm
\$30 North Elem. Gym

April 29, 30 & May 1, 2016

Friday-Saturday-Sunday

\$90.00 per day

ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED

Colonial Heights Senior Center

157 Roanoke Ave

Colonial Heights, Virginia

\$50.00 deposit due at registration, balance due April 1, 2016

Classes start at 10:am

CPR & AED: FOR THE COMMUNITY & WORKPLACE

Ages 16+

The community CPR and AED course teaches the basic techniques of CPR and the use of an AED. Students also learn about using barrier devices in CPR and giving first aid for choking. *Health restrictions apply: if you have any of the following health issues you will be unable to participate in this class - breathing problems, heart condition or back problems. Price includes all needed materials.

Sa 1/23 8:30am-12:30pm
\$30 Community Center

BASIC FIRST AID COURSE

Ages 16+

The First Aid course teaches lay responders the knowledge and skills necessary to give care in an emergency; help sustain life and minimize the consequences of injury or sudden illness until medical help arrives. *Health restrictions apply: if you have any of the following health issues you will be unable to participate in this class - breathing problems, heart condition or back problems. Price includes all needed materials.

Sa 1/23 1:00pm-5:00pm
\$30 Community Center

The CPR/AED and Basic First Aid classes are provided by the Colonial Heights Recreation Department in conjunction with the Colonial Heights Fire & EMS Department.



For questions, contact the Recreation Dept. at 520-9390. Register for both classes and receive a \$10 discount.

SPRING BREAK CAMP

Ages K-5th Grade

Spring Break Camp is a supervised day camp. Campers can enjoy games, crafts, active play, and trips. All campers must be registered for this program. Program participants can come every day or choose which days they would like to come. Registration deadline is March 22nd, 2016. Residents Only!

Mo-Fr 3/28-4/1 8:00am-5:30pm
Community Center

Fees

Full week \$90
Mo 3/28 \$15 (Skateland)
Tu 3/29 \$20 (Swaders)
We 3/30 \$20 (MP Bounce/Movies)
Th 3/31 \$20 (Peak Experiences)
Fr 4/1 \$30 (Chuck-E-Cheese /Laser Quest)

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

2016 PETE'S PLACE SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Francis P. "Pete" Coleman, the Colonial Heights Teen Center will present a Senior High School student with a \$100.00 scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded in the memory of "Pete" Coleman, a key advocate in the creation of the Teen Center, as well as, a longtime advocate for youth in Colonial Heights. Scholarship applications with the list of eligibility requirements and required supporting documents are available at Shepherd Stadium, 901 Meridian Ave, Colonial Heights, VA 2383. You may also visit us online at www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks for a packet. The application deadline is April 8, 2016.



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 at approximately 6:30pm on all dates. Price includes transportation on vans, ticket to show, and lunch. Sign up early, limited tickets!

THE MUSIC OF ANDREW WEBBER

Thrill to the signature songs from the most acclaimed musical theatre composer of the past five decades, with excerpts from Phantom of the Opera, Evita, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Starlight Express, Jesus Christ Superstar, Cats, Sunset Boulevard, Aspects of Love, and Requiem, delivered by a select ensemble of superb singer-dancers and award-winning actors.

We 5/18 10:00am-6:30pm \$60



Monday February 15, 2016

\$ 48.00 per person

(\$20.00 Free Slot Play 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

COLONIAL HEIGHTS TACKY LIGHT TOUR

Join us as we tour Colonial Heights to see all the Christmas Themed decorated houses. Tour will take place on City vans and will depart from the Community Center. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

Mo 12/14 5:00pm-7:00pm
\$2 Leave from Community Center

VA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS RODIN: EVOLUTION OF A GENIUS

This exhibition will feature nearly 200 works by the greatest sculptor of the 19th and early 20th centuries: Auguste Rodin. Revealing the evolving output of this genius of sculpture, the exhibition examines his techniques, materials, models and assistants, and explores the extraordinary working process behind some of his best known works. Auguste Rodin completely revitalized the very language of sculpture with his passion for the creative act. Fragile plasters as well as patinated bronzes, marble figures, astonishing ceramics and never-before-exhibited photographs all attest to this creative intensity, with much of the work presented in North America for the first time.

Th 1/7 1:00pm-4:30pm
\$2 (transportation) Leave from Community Center
You will need to purchase a ticket at the door upon arrival. \$15 Adult or \$12 Senior 65+.



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.

ACTIVITIES & FITNESS

Monday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
9:30am Tai Chi
9:30am Bowling (*League Fee*)
10:00am Strength & Stretch
10:00am Interactive Watercolor Class
11:30am Tennis or Table Tennis
1:30pm Bunco
2:00pm Computer Class (*sign up*)

Tuesday

9:00am Yoga
9:30am BP Screening (*3rd Tue*)
10:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
12:30pm Duplicate Bridge
1:00pm Bingo
1:00pm Water Aerobics (*Hopewell - \$2*)
2:00-8:00pm Quilts for Vets (*Last Tue*)
6:00pm Quilting

Wednesday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
10:00am Strength & Stretch
10:00am Crochet & Knitting Group
11:30am Walking Club (*Roslyn Trail*)
1:00pm Party Bridge
2:00pm Painter's Group

Thursday

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

Friday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
10:00am Strength & Stretch
10:00am Interactive Watercolor
12:00pm AARP Luncheon (*2nd Fri*)
1:00pm Computer Class (*sign up*)
2:00pm Computer Class (*sign up*)
6:00pm Oil Painting
7:00pm Senior Dance (*2nd Fri - \$6*)

Saturday

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

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.

T.R.I.A.D.

TRIAD is a partnership consisting of the local Sheriff, Police Chief, Fire & EMS Chief, AARP, seniors and senior service providers in a community who agree to work together to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly. TRIAD creates an opportunity for our city's seniors to meet with public safety leaders and service providers to discuss topics that our seniors wish to obtain more knowledge and understanding about. All TRIAD meetings take place at the Community Center and are FREE of charge.

Th 1/21 1:00pm
Topic: Senior Medicare Patrol; "Know it, Avoid it, Report it"

Th 2/18 1:00pm
Topic: Dr. Sharma; Fix Your Achy, Breaky Parts

Th 3/17 1:00pm
Topic: Brown Bag Pharmacy

HOLIDAY COOKIE SWAP

Join us for the most delicious party of the year. Bring your best cookies and the recipe to share with others.

We 12/16 9:00am-11:00am
FREE Senior Center



TACKY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY

May your sweater be ugly and bright. The uglier the sweater the better the party. Be sure to wear your tackiest sweater and join in on the fun! RSVP to (804)520-9220 by December 11th.

Fr 12/18 12:30pm
FREE Senior Center

VALENTINE'S PARTY

This is one of our most popular annual events. Enjoy a little something sweet for Valentine's this year.

Th 2/18 12:00pm
FREE Senior Center



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

Edward T. Clements, Public Works
John T. Crenshaw, Fire & EMS
Jonaaron M. Evans, Fire & EMS
Timothy S. Fontaine, Fire & EMS
Greer E. Fullerton, Jr., Police
Jeffrey R. Lewis, Fire & EMS
Matthew L. Spruill, Recreation & Parks
Michael W. Tereschenko, Recreation & Parks
James S. Tuck, Public Works
Bradley S. Watkins, Recreation & Parks
Jason C. Williams, Recreation & Parks

15 Years of Service

Anthony W. Gough, Public Works
Eric R. Gryder, Fire & EMS
Robert K. Helms, Police
Katherine L. Holladay, Real Estate Assessor
Larry H. Melvin, Purchasing
Susana A. McDonald, Sheriff
Roger E. Parker, Public Works
Chris A. Pond, Fire & EMS

25 Years of Service

Stacey A. Arehart, Police
Jeffrey W. Faries, Police
John A. Peterson, III, Police
Lisa C. Sheppard, Fire & EMS
Samuel E. Young, II, Police

10 Years of Service

Theodore S. Berberich, Public Works
Michael B. Kelley, Police
Kenneth R. Langston, Jr., Utility Billing
Jewellyn A. Nickson, Finance
Rex K. Sharp, Recreation & Parks
Howard S. Whirley, III, Police

20 Years of Service

Sandra L. Callis, Communications
William K. Early, Police
Julia A. Groat, Communications



35 Years of Service

William E. Johnson, Finance

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A Note from the Commissioner of Revenue's Office

As we enter the new-year, there are a number of important dates that should be noted by all residents and businesses. These all reoccur every year and must be submitted each year.

- January 31 is the deadline to let this office know about all vehicles, campers, trailers, motorcycles, motorhomes, etc that were owned on January 1.
- January 31 is the deadline to apply for a high mileage deduction on the assessed value of non-business cars or trucks.
- January 31 is the deadline for businesses to file their business personal property schedule on all owned furniture, equipment, fixtures, or vehicles.
- January 31 is the deadline for military personnel who have an out of state home of record to submit a current LES.
- January 31 is the deadline for city residents who are volunteer fire fighters, rescue squad, auxiliary police, or auxiliary sheriff deputy to submit the necessary confirmation letter from your chief.
- March 1 is the deadline for all businesses to apply for and pay for their new business license. New businesses must do so within 30 days of opening.
- March 31 is the deadline for applying for Elderly Real Estate Tax Relief.

Other important information to be aware of:

- The City does have a city decal that is required to be displayed on all vehicles, campers, trailers, and motorhomes.
- DMV and new and used car dealerships do not report to this office. Residents are required by law to inform this office of all vehicles they purchase and sell, donate, or otherwise dispose of. Sold, donated or disposed of vehicles should also be reported to DMV upon doing so. This will insure the accuracy of your personal property tax bill.

All questions regarding any of the above should be directed to the Commissioner of the Revenue Office in City Hall or by calling 520-9280.

YOU'RE INVITED to Valerie Stewart's Portrait Seminar!



April 21-24, 2016

Thursday-Sunday

4 consecutive days

\$420.00 per student

9am till 4pm



Classes will be held at the Colonial Heights Senior Center
157 Roanoke Avenue, Colonial Heights

Everyone, from Beginners to Advanced painters will love this 4 day seminar! Each student, regardless of their skill level, will complete 2 portraits ... GUARANTEED!!! You get to choose your own subject so this is your chance to paint your children, grandchildren, parents or even your pets in a relaxed atmosphere. Valerie makes it easy to understand and fun!

All paints will be provided for use in the classroom!

Just bring your canvas and brushes!

Send your 50% deposit in today to hold your seat. Space is limited!

Valerie guarantees your satisfaction in this class or you will receive your money back!!!!

You have nothing to lose!

COST & DEPOSIT:

Cost: \$420.00 for 4 days

Deposit : \$200.00 with registration

Final payment due March 1, 2016

No refunds after March 1, 2016

Don't forget you can make monthly payments on classes

4th Annual

Colonial Heights

TURKEY TROT

Thanksgiving Day

5K Fun Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Run/Walk Begins 9:00 a.m.
Same Day Registrations 7:30-8:30

**Thanksgiving Themed Costumes
and Hats Encouraged!**

Colonial Heights High School
3600 Conduit Road, Colonial Heights, VA 23834



Entry Fee:

\$10 with T-shirt or
\$25 with hooded sweatshirt
Make checks payable to: Colonial Heights
Department of Recreation

Register online for the Turkey Trot at:
www.colonialheightsva.gov

PURPOSE: Continue building a fun,
family tradition on Thanksgiving Day
where we celebrate healthy living in
Colonial Heights.
Proceeds raised will support Colonial
Heights School programs and

➔ Download registration forms at:
www.colonialheightsva.gov

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COLLEGE BASEBALL RETURNS TO COLONIAL HEIGHTS IN 2016

The Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks Department is excited to announce that Shepherd Stadium will once again host NCAA Division II College Baseball in February of 2016. College teams from the Northeast have been traveling to the Tri-Cities area the last few years to play games in Colonial Heights and Dinwiddie as part of their early season schedules. The games have been part of a partnership between the Colonial Heights and Dinwiddie County Recreation Departments to bring NCAA baseball to the area.

This year there are two weekends of baseball scheduled. The first weekend of games, February 20-21, will feature 4 teams playing in doubleheaders each day. Shepherd Stadium will host on Saturday February 20 starting at 11:00am.

The second weekend features a tournament comprised of 8 NCAA Division II teams playing games each day until a champion is crowned. These tournament games will begin Friday February 26 and conclude on Sunday February 28. Shepherd Stadium will host games all three days. Admission to all games are FREE both weekends. A complete game schedule will be available after January 1st. Please visit our website for more information—
www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks.



TEEN

FLASHLIGHT

Egg Hunt

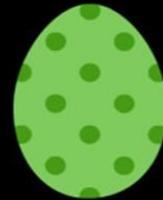
Tuesday, March 22nd

- All teens must bring a basket/bag and a flashlight.



Location: Teen Center

Time: 8:10pm start



2nd Annual Christmas

Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 28th

5pm-6:30pm

at the Courthouse

Featuring:

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

Photo's with Santa (For Sale)

Hot Cocoa/Coffee

Live Entertainment @ 6pm

Cookies

Tree Lighting @ 6:30pm



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

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