



CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS UPDATES

➤ HIGHLIGHTS

❖ **Coming to Colonial Heights:**

- Harbor Freight – Former HHGregg Store opening sometime mid-May
- Sedona Taphouse
- Longhorn Steakhouse – Former Lonestar Restaurant anticipated to open Spring 2018
- Skrimp Shack – Colonial Square Shopping Center opening in February
- Lundie Insurance Building opening in February-March and will house Lundie Insurance, Sherwood Title, and Colonial Italian Grill

❖ **Now Open:**

- Lucky's Pizza – 652 Boulevard
- Upper Deck Unisex Salon – 3635 Boulevard
- Sheetz Renovation – 2711 Conduit Road

- ❖ **Temple Avenue Signal Coordination** – A future federal-aid project is planned to modernize and interconnect traffic signals on Temple Avenue with preliminary engineering planned to start in February 2018. While the final project scoping is not complete, staff will plan to include a signalized crosswalk on Temple Avenue at the intersection with Southpark Boulevard with construction planned to begin in 2019.

➤ OPPORTUNITIES

❖ **Citizens Government Academy**

- The City of Colonial Heights Citizens Government Academy, a free 8-week program, provides residents with an opportunity to learn more about the operations and services of their City government. Each week, program participants visit different departments to meet the director or elected official and learn about specific departmental operations through hands-on activities, demonstrations, group discussions and site tours.
- Academy programs are held during the spring (March-May) on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at various facilities throughout the City. Applicants must be 18 years-of-age or older, a resident of the City of Colonial Heights, attend at least 7 out of 8 sessions and participate in the graduation ceremony. Class size is limited.
- If you are interested in being considered for a future academy, applications are available at www.colonialheightsva.gov or by contacting the Human Resources Department at carpenterj@colonialheightsva.gov or (804) 524-8749.

➤ UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **NCAA Division II Baseball Returns to Shepherd Stadium** – Shepherd Stadium will host NCAA Division II baseball games Friday, February 23-Sunday, February 25, 2018. Admission is FREE & concessions will be available. Bring the family & enjoy some early season baseball at Shepherd Stadium! See the full game schedule by visiting the Community Spotlight section of our website, www.colonialheightsva.gov or contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (804)520-9390 with any questions.
- ❖ **Arbor Day Ceremony** – The City will hold its annual Arbor Day ceremony Friday, April 27, 2018. The City will plant a tree in honor of one of our own residential public servants and their family. The honoree for this year and the location of the event will be announced at a later time.
- ❖ **Spring Clean-Up Day** – The City will hold its annual Adopt-A-Roadway Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The event will begin with a meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the Community Center, located at 157 Roanoke Avenue, Colonial Heights. All interested groups may contact our Public Works Department to register at (804) 451-0067.
- ❖ **Fort Clifton Festival** – The annual Fort Clifton Festival will be held at Fort Clifton Park on May 12 & 13, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The festival is family-oriented and educational, portraying the historic significance of the fort and its importance in the Civil War to the Petersburg defense line. Arts and crafts persons sell a variety of hand made items. Civil War relic exhibits are on display, along with re-enactors and demonstrations. Children's rides and concessions are available each day of the festival. Local civic groups sell hot dogs, sausage and peppers, hamburgers, funnel cakes, pizza, barbecue, french fries, ice cream, baked goods, and more. Door prizes and raffles will be held each day.
- ❖ **The Great American Backyard Campout** – This event will take place June 22-24, 2018 at Fort Clifton Park. Join the Recreation and Parks Department for this overnight camping event in Historic Fort Clifton Park on the Appomattox River, whether you're a first-timer or an old hand, for traditional outdoor and camping activities such as storytelling, s'mores, crafts, games, night hikes, river exploration, and, of course, camping in tents. Check-in is Friday, June 22 until 7pm; Check-out is Sunday, June 24 before noon. Cost is \$25 per site and space is limited. To make reservations or for more information, please call (804)520-9391.
- ❖ **Cardboard Boat Regatta** – Lakeview Park will be full of spectators waiting to see who will float, sink or swim at the "Cardboard Boat Regatta" on Saturday, July 14 at 8:00 am. Contestants will make boats out of cardboard & tape and will rely on their inventions to keep them afloat as they race across the lake. Pre-registration is required & all teams will need to collect their own cardboard. Life vests are mandatory for all team members. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and most creative designed boats! Contact us at (804)520-9391 for a full set of rules/instructions/details.