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**COLLINGTON YARD OF THE MONTH**

As the dog days of summer arrived, we thought it would be hard to find good candidates for yard of the month, since the heat seems to be taking a toll on both the vegetation and the homeowners who maintain it. Well, it seems that Jeff and Kathie Dittmer of 14106 Hockliffe Lane in the Hockliffe section have found the secret! Not only do they have a well planned out landscape around and behind their

home, but they have managed to keep it thriving in the summer heat. They have complemented the foundation shrubs with a variety of annuals which bring beautiful color to the home. Kathie says that Jeff gets the credit for keeping the lawn looking great by watering every other day and not mowing it too short. They've had their battles with the deer population (haven't we all!), but try to keep fine tuning so the land-

scape wins. You must drive by this meticulously maintained home to fully appreciate its beauty. Congratulations Jeff and Kathie.



**CALLING ALL COLLINGTON RESIDENTS! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Advisory, Events and Newsletter Committees are looking for volunteers. There are 2-3 openings on the Advisory Committee effective immediately. The Events Committee also needs more volunteers to help with the planning and running of community get-togethers ([events@collingtonhoa.info](mailto:events@collingtonhoa.info)). The Newsletter Editor will be stepping down at the end of the year and the committee is looking for 3-4 volunteers to help publish the Collington Courier ([courier@collingtonhoa.info](mailto:courier@collingtonhoa.info)).

Volunteering on any of these committees only takes a few hours per month. **Please remember that without additional volunteers, many events will no longer take place in Collington and The Collington Courier will no longer be produced.**

Please consider volunteering your time so that Collington can continue to be an active community!

**COLLINGTON ANNUAL MEETING**

September 19, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Spring Run Elementary School

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES...**

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Where did the summer go? It seems like just a few weeks ago we were just opening the pool for the season. Speaking of the pool, it will close for the season on Labor Day so enjoy the last weekend. This summer has been very busy around Collington. Many projects were started and completed. For example: the community fence, street signs, splash pad pump, and tree removal/cleanup. A summary of most of these projects will be given at the Annual meeting which is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Spring Run Elementary School. If you are unable to make the monthly meetings, this is the one meeting we really need most of the residents present. A summary of the year will be outlined along with some time to answer questions and concerns. If you cannot make it please remember to fill out your proxy and send it in to ACS West.

Collington is going thru some changes. Your community volunteers, many of them have been serving and volunteering for years, are just getting burnt out without help. We have many needs in the community and we really need some new residents to step up and lead on various committees. We need a new events chair, newsletter editor, grounds committee chair and members. Without help, activities and projects will simply just be put on hold. We all are busy, however if you can make time to just help out with one event or project we can keep this neighborhood going strong.

In October, the AC committee will start its new fiscal year with a new member and a new chairperson. The current chair Steve Ragland and current members Joe Malerba and Ann Baskett will be stepping down from the Committee. All three of these members have served a

number of years and a great deal of thanks goes out to them all. Phyllis Giordano will continue to serve as the new chairperson along with members Mike Hadank and Robert Reid. Two or three more members will be elected to serve at the annual meeting later this month. Please continue to support Phyllis in her new demanding role in our community. Steve Ragland will continue to serve the board as a resident board member. However, most of the daily operation of the HOA will be handled by Phyllis and her new committee.

Please remember schools are starting and the children of Collington will be out going to and from bus stops. Please drive carefully....We hope everyone had a great summer and look forward to a great fall and winter. We hope to see many new faces at the annual meeting....

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

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### **WHAT IF SANTA DOESN'T COME TO COLLINGTON?????????????????**

This is a real possibility if the Events Committee does not get some additional volunteers.

At their most recent meeting, the Events Committee decided that only 2 more events will be held for the remainder of 2011. They will be the Fall Festival and the Breakfast with Santa. These events will only take place if a volunteer steps up to organize each event.

The Events Committee further decided that it would only host the following in 2012:

- ⇒ Annual Spring Fling
- ⇒ Easter Egg Hunt
- ⇒ Community Yard Sale
- ⇒ Summer BBQ
- ⇒ Fall Festival
- ⇒ Breakfast with Santa

If you have enjoyed these events and would like to see them continue, **please volunteer!!!!!!**

COLLINGTON BABYSITTERS		
<b>Brianna Eberhart</b>	Age 20	639-1239
<b>Taylor Brooks</b>	Age 20	240-1010
<b>Shawnte' Hill</b>	Age 20	608-1227
<b>Rachel Reid</b>	Age 18	639-5531
<b>Ashlyn Hill</b>	Age 18	608-1227
<b>Kaitlin Jones</b> <i>(Certified by Red Cross)</i>	Age 15	739-8793
<b>Carrie Miles</b>	Age 14	437-3950
<b>Monica Cox</b> <i>(Certified by Red Cross)</i>	Age 14	739-0535
<b>Brittney Corr</b> <i>(Certified by Red Cross)</i>	Age 14	378-5099 or 638-8522

COLLINGTON ADVERTISING RATE		
SIZE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
<b>Business Card</b>	\$ 2.50	\$ 4.00
<b>3 x 5</b>	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
<b>3½ x 4</b>	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.50
<b>¼ Page</b>	\$ 8.00	\$10.00
<b>½ Page</b>	\$10.00	\$15.00
<b>Full Page</b>	\$20.00	\$25.00

**Contact your editor for more information at**  
[courier@collingtonhoa.info](mailto:courier@collingtonhoa.info)

**Business Classified ads are due by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month for next issue. Payments for the ads must be received in FULL prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month during which the ad is to be run. Make checks payable to Collington Community HOA.**

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## COLLINGTON WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

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**September 21<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday)**

Collington Clubhouse

7 p.m.

Book selection:

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## COLLINGTON WINE CLUB

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Our August gathering was hosted by Neil and Betty Stewart. Ten members attended and we enjoyed a blind tasting of both red and white Italian wines.

The Wine Club will travel as a group to Cooper Vineyards in Louisa County on September 18 for an afternoon of wine tasting, food and music.

The October gathering will take place at the Powhatan Festival of the Grape on October 22.

David and Lauri Rogers will host the November gathering.

The Wine Club will organize the second annual Collington Wine Social at the clubhouse sometime in January. Phyllis Giordano will head up the committee to get this rolling.

Any Collington resident wishing to join the Wine Club may contact Bill Giordano at [billgior23@verizon.net](mailto:billgior23@verizon.net).

## COLLINGTON SENIORS CORNER

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### 108 Stores with Senior Discounts

Gone are the days of your grandmother's "early bird special" at the local diner. As our baby boomers reach retirement age, hundreds of retailers are featuring new and improved discounts exclusively for the 60 and older crowd. We have composed a list of senior savings that will help you keep more cash in your pocket. Whoever said getting older was a bad thing, obviously didn't know about these fantastic senior discounts!

#### Restaurants

- Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
- Arby's: 10% off (55+)
- Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)
- Bennigan's: discount varies by location
- Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)
- Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
- Burger King: 10% off (60+)
- Captain D's Seafood: discount varies on location (62+)
- Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
- Chili's: 10% off (55+)
- CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
- Culver's: 10% off (60+)
- Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55+)
- Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)
- Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)
- Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
- Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
- Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
- Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
- IHOP: 10% off (55+)
- Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)
- KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)
- Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
- Long John Silver's: various discounts at participating locations (55+)
- McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
- Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)
- Shoney's: 10% off
- Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
- Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
- Subway: 10% off (60+)
- Sweet Tomatoes 10% off (62+)
- Taco Bell: 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
- TCBY: 10% off (55+)
- Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+)
- Village Inn: 10% off (60+)
- Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)
- Wendy's: 10% off (55+)
- White Castle: 10% off (62+)
- Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Kmart: 20% off (50+)
- Kohl's: 15% off (60+)
- Modell's Sporting Goods: 10% off
- Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
- Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
- The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)
- Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55+)
- Grocery  
Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55+)
- American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50+)
- Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
- DeCicco Family Markets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)
- Food Lion: 6% off every Monday (60+)
- Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55+)
- Great Valu Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
- Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday (60+)
- Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
- Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)
- Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
- The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50+)
- Publix: 5% off every Wednesday (55+)

#### Retail and Apparel

- Banana Republic: 10% off (50+)
- Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50+)
- Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55+)
- Big Lots: 10% off
- Bon-Ton Department Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55+)
- C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
- Clarks: 10% off (62+)
- Dress Barn: 10% off (55+)
- Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)

## COLLINGTON SENIORS CORNER (CONTINUED)

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- Rogers Marketplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+)
- Uncle Guiseppe's Marketplace: 5% off (62+)

### **Travel**

- Alaska Airlines: 10% off (65+)
- Alamo: up to 25% off for AARP members
- American Airlines: various discounts for 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
- Amtrak: 15% off (62+)
- Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members
- Best Western: 10% off (55+)
- Budget Rental Cars: 10% off; up to 20% off for AARP members (50+)
- Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Clarion: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations
- Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+)
- Econo Lodge: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members
- Greyhound: 5% off (62+)
- Hampton Inns & Suites: 10% off when booked 72 hours in advance
- Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members

- Holiday Inn: 10%-30% off depending on location (62+)
- Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)
- InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)
- Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)
- Marriott Hotels: 15% off (62+)
- Motel 6: 10% off (60+)
- Myrtle Beach Resort: 10% off (55+)
- National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members
- Quality Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Sleep Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
- Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50 and up
- United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
- U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

### **Activities & Entertainment**

- AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55+)
- Bally Total Fitness: up to \$100 off memberships (62+)
- Busch Gardens Tampa: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+)
- Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)

- Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off
- U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)
- Regal Cinemas: 30% off
- Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55+)
- SeaWorld Orlando: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+)
- Cell Phone Discounts AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$29.99/month (65+)
- Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50+)
- Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+)

\*Check out our Secret Cell Phone Discounts to view all cell phone discounts available to you!

### **Miscellaneous**

- Great Clips: \$3 off hair cuts (60+)
- Super Cuts: \$2 off haircuts (60+)
- Since many senior discounts are not advertised to the public, our advice to men and women over 55 is to ALWAYS ask a sales associate if that store provides a senior discount. That way, you can be sure to get the most bang for you buck. Looking for a printable version of our list of discounts for seniors? We've got you covered! Click this link to view, then just hit "Print" in your browser: 108 Stores with Senior Discounts (PDF, 141 KB)

## COLLINGTON GARDENING CORNER

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### **WOW! WHAT A LITTLE GEM THE CUCUMBER IS.**

#### **I WILL LOOK AT IT DIFFERENTLY NOW.**

Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day. Just one cucumber contains Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc.

1. Feeling tired in the afternoon? Put down the caffeinated soda and pick up a cucumber. Cucumbers are a good source of B vitamins and carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.
2. Tired of your bathroom mirror fogging up after a shower? Try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror. It will eliminate the fog and provide a soothing, Spa-like fragrance.
3. Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.
4. Looking for a fast and easy way to remove cellulite before going out or to the pool? Try rubbing a slice or two of cucumbers along your problem

area for a few minutes. The phytochemicals in the cucumber cause the collagen in your skin to tighten, firming up the outer layer and reducing the visibility of cellulite. Works great on wrinkles too!!!

5. Want to avoid a hangover or terrible headache? Eat a few cucumber slices before going to bed and wake up refreshed and headache free. Cucumbers contain enough sugar, B vitamins and electrolytes to replenish essential nutrients the body lost, keeping everything in equilibrium, avoiding both a hangover and headache!!
6. Looking to fight off that afternoon or evening snacking binge? Cucumbers have been used for centuries and often used by European trappers, traders and explorers for quick meals to thwart off starvation.
7. Have an important meeting or job interview and you realize that you don't have enough time to polish your shoes? Rub a freshly cut cucumber over the shoe. Its chemicals will provide a quick and durable shine that not only looks great but also repels water.
8. Out of WD 40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber slice and rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!
9. Stressed out and don't have time for a massage, facial or visit to the spa? Cut up an entire cucumber and place it in a

boiling pot of water. The chemicals and nutrients from the cucumber will react with the boiling water and be released in the steam, creating a soothing, relaxing aroma that has been shown to reduce stress in new mothers and college students during final exams.

10. Just finish a business lunch and realize you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath. The Phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.
11. Looking for a 'green' way to clean your faucets, sinks or stainless steel? Take a slice of cucumber and rub it on the surface you want to clean, not only will it remove years of tarnish and bring back the shine, but it won't leave streaks and won't harm your fingers or fingernails while you clean.
12. Using a pen and you made a mistake? Take the outside of the cucumber and slowly use it to erase the pen writing. Also works great on crayons and markers that the kids have used to decorate the walls!!

## 2011 STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA

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**Sept. 29 thru Oct. 9 2011**

### **The Meadow Event Park**

I-95 exit 98 next to Kings Dominion  
Doswell, Virginia, Caroline County

It's the best of Virginia! Come see Virginia's finest animals and agriculture, exhibits and shows, toe-tappin' music, fine arts and crafts, blue ribbon competitions and more! Plan now to be a part of one of Virginia's greatest annual traditions since 1854.

**New! Premiere Night Sept. 29**

Fair opens at 5 pm

**New! Grand Finale Oct. 9**

Fair opens 10 am

Both nights feature a new State Fair parade, new fireworks and special entertainment!

### **2011 Concert Series on Festival Stage**

Sept. 30 - TRACY LAWRENCE

Oct. 1 - PERCY SLEDGE

Oct. 2 - GOSPEL PRAISE

Oct. 3 - CASPER

Oct. 4 - B2B

Oct. 6 - MARSHALL TUCKER BAND

Oct. 7 - LEE BRICE

Oct. 8 - CRAIG CAMPBELL

Oct. 9 - THE BAND PERRY

State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program  
Since its inception in 1989, the State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program has awarded 2,439 scholarships and has dedicated over \$1.8 million to youth education.

### **2011 State Fair Operating Hours**

\*Note: Premier Night, Thursday, September 29

Special Hours: Fair opens at 5 p.m.

Fairgrounds – 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Midway & Kidway – 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Buildings 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Admission Ticket Sales – 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Fridays – Saturdays

Fairgrounds – 10 a.m. – Midnight

Midway & Kidway – 11 a.m. – Midnight

Buildings 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Admission Ticket Sales 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Sunday – Thursday \*

Fairgrounds – 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Midway & Kidway – 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Buildings 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Admission Ticket Sales – 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Ride Tickets & Wristband Sales Inside

Fair Daily 11 a.m. through 1 hour before the Midway and Kidway closing times.

**STATE FAIR**  
OF VIRGINIA AT THE MEADOW

## CHESTERFIELD COUNTY FAIR

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Join us for the 2011 Chesterfield County Fair!

Sun., Aug. 28 - Military Appreciation Day - Active duty military presenting a valid ID will be admitted free.

Wed., Aug. 31 – County employees showing an ID tag and purchasing an adult ticket (\$7) will receive up to two free tickets for children aged 6-12 to the Chesterfield County Fair. Employees without children may purchase up to two adult tickets for \$4 each per county ID. Employees must show their county IDs at the time of purchase to receive this special offer.

Check out this year's exciting Entertainment Lineup

See All Grandstand Events

Fri., Aug. 26 - Britishmania...Beatles Tribute Band

Sat., Aug. 27 - Keith Henderson "Illusions of the King"

Thurs., Sept. 1 -Dallas Wesley "Tribute to Hank Williams, Sr"

### **New Daily Attractions**

Kachunga and the Alligator Show

Water Walkers

Heritage Village

Great Lakes Timber Show

Virginia Cowboy Association Rodeo

Parade Information:

Terry Fife

(804) 363-3066

County Fair Physical address:

10300 Courthouse Road

County Fair Information Line:

(804) 768-0148

**CHESTERFIELD  
COUNTY  
FAIR**

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when...*

**Aug. 26 - Sept. 3 2011**  
Chesterfield County Fairgrounds  
Chesterfield County, Virginia



## SEPTEMBER AROUND TOWN

### **CHESTERFIELD FARMERS MARKET**

Every Friday @ 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.  
Chesterfield Farmers Market

Chesterfield Farmers Market held every Friday at the Chesterfield Towne Center Parking Lot offers more than the fresh grown produce, meats and eggs and more. The Community Circle offers a book swap where you can pick up a good read for yourself or your children. In the Community Tent you can pick up literature of interest to you, listen to the presenter on the subject of the day, get free services such as finger printing of your children, free health screenings and so much more.  
[www.chesterfieldfarmersmarket.blogspot.com](http://www.chesterfieldfarmersmarket.blogspot.com)

### **MONUMENT MARKET**

Saturdays (May through October)  
@ 8 a.m.-noon  
Corner of Monument Avenue & North Robinson Street

Sponsored by Richmond's First Baptist Church. Support local growers and artisans while shopping for organic vegetables, baked goods, plants, flowers, cheese and more.

[www.fbrichmond.org/monumentmarket](http://www.fbrichmond.org/monumentmarket)

### **RVA RIVERJAM**

Saturday, September 3  
@ 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Canal Walk

Are you looking for something fun to do on Saturday afternoon? Check out the newest event created by Davey Events, the RVA Riverjam on the Canal Walk at Virginia Street! RVA Riverjam highlights local DJs, supports Richmond Tourism and collects donations for To the Bottom and Back. The best free transportation in Richmond.

[www.rvariverjam.com](http://www.rvariverjam.com)

### **NASCAR RACING**

*Nationwide Series*  
Friday, September 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

*Sprint Cup Series*  
Saturday, September 10 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Richmond Raceway Complex

### **BURNING UP-THE-BOTTOM FIREMAN'S PARADE AND CHILI COOK-OFF**

Saturday, September 10  
@ 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

17th Street Farmers' Market

Fire companies throughout the state rally in the Capitol City to show their pride, their heritage, their equipment and their cooking skills. Whether it's a Hook & Ladder, a pumper or an EMT, it will be on display to all to see. Live music, entertainment, adult beverages and plenty of Chili at this great event.

[www.richmondgov.com/farmersmarket](http://www.richmondgov.com/farmersmarket)

### **TARGET \$1 FAMILY NIGHT**

Children's Museum of Richmond  
Friday, September 16 @ 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family to enjoy what The Children's Museum has to offer on the third Friday of every month for just \$1 per person!

Phone: 474-7000

[www.c-mor.org](http://www.c-mor.org)

### **24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RICHMOND HOME SHOW**

September 17-18 @ 12:00—7:00 p.m.  
Richmond International Raceway

Come see the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Richmond Home Show with over 200 companies specializing in remodeling, decorating, and building all in one convenient location!!! Free Parking!! Cash Only at Box Office!!

Show Hours

Saturday: 10 am - 7 pm  
Sunday: 11 am - 5 pm

Ticket Prices

Adults: \$7  
16 and Under: Free!  
Military, Police, Fireman, EMS with ID:  
Free

FREE Parking

[www.agievents.com/shows/display](http://www.agievents.com/shows/display)

### **FORTHY-THIRD STREET FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

Saturday, September 17 @ 10:00 a.m.  
43rd Street/Forest Hill Avenue

Small well-juried art and craft show with good local support. Music and food. 8,000 attendees expected.

### **MAYMONT CROSS-COUNTRY FESTIVAL**

Friday, September 23 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Maymont

Maymont provides a spectacular setting for

one of the premier running festivals in the country. You'll run in the shadow of the 1893 Maymont House, over tree-lined hills and past wildlife areas filled with bison, deer and other animals. Along with the 5k and 8 Miler divisions for participants of all ages and shorter events for Elementary and Middle School kids, the event will also feature high school teams. Register online (preferred) or call 358-7166.  
[www.maymont.org](http://www.maymont.org) or [www.sportsbackers.org/events/xcountry/xcountry\\_festival](http://www.sportsbackers.org/events/xcountry/xcountry_festival)

### **CHESTERFEST**

Saturday, September 24 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Chester Village Green

On the Green in downtown Chester, fun for the whole family including music, arts & crafts, food, world pie eating championship and tug of war competition. 10,000 attendees expected.

### **8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY PEACE FESTIVAL**

Sunday, September 25  
@ 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Carillon Grounds at Byrd Park

The 8th Annual Family Peace Festival is free and open to the public. The Festival will feature a diverse mix of exhibits, activities and crafts for children, food and performances by some of the region's most popular entertainers. The first Family Peace Festival was held in response to the attacks of September 11, 2001.  
[www.familypeacefestival.org](http://www.familypeacefestival.org)

### **SHAQUILLE O'NEAL PRESENTS ALL STAR COMEDY JAM**

Friday, September 30 @ 8:00 p.m.  
Landmark Theater  
Price: \$35.00 - \$45.00  
[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)



## ***A Time to Remember; A Time to Prepare***

September is National Preparedness Month

This September marks the 10-year anniversary of the tragic terrorist attacks of 9/11 that included a jet airplane crashing into the Pentagon on Virginia soil, killing 125 military and civilian workers and all 64 people on the plane.

In observing the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we can honor the memory of those who were lost by making sure we are ready to respond to all types of disasters and emergencies. There is no better time for Virginians to get ready for emergencies than September, which is National Preparedness Month.

Those who are prepared for emergencies recover faster and can help others who also may be affected. Every family and business can take just a few simple steps to prepare and protect your family and your assets:

- ***Make an emergency plan.*** In a recent survey, just 15% of Virginia respondents had a written family emergency plan. This may be the single most important thing you can do for your family. Plan in advance what you will do in an emergency and how you will get in touch with each other. Write it down. *Get a family emergency plan worksheet at [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov)*
- ***Store at least a three-day supply of water and food.*** The rule of thumb is to store one gallon of water per person per day. That is enough for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene. Be sure to have canned and packaged food on hand that does not need electricity to store or prepare, in case the power is out.
- ***Get a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio.*** To stay informed if the power is out, you'll need a radio to hear instructions from local officials. Make sure you have extra batteries, and choose one with a NOAA Weather Band so you'll get weather information direct from the National Weather Service.

This September: a time to remember; a time to prepare. Honor the past by being ready for whatever the future may hold. For more, go to [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov).

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4	5 Labor Day Holiday  Last pool day of the season	6 Back to School  	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Annual Meeting @ Spring Run ES 7 p.m.	20	21 Women's Book Club 7-9 pm.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	