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UPCOMING EVENTS

Trunk or Treat

Chesterfield County Fairgrounds
1033 Courthouse Rd.

October 26
6-9 p.m.

FREE EVENT!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Chesterfield County residents were clearly more ready than ever to celebrate National Night Out in 2021. The number of registered parties more than doubled, reaching approximately 90 this year, and estimated attendance across the county totaled over 20,000. Parties were visited by police officers and members of the command staff, including Col. Jeffrey Katz, and dignitaries, including Fire & EMS Chief Loy Senter, members of the School Board and the Board of Supervisors, and everyone's favorite, McGruff. Activities ranged from food trucks to bounce houses to petting zoos, and at every location officers and citizens had time to enjoy each other's company in a friendly, laid-back setting. The only order of business of the evening was to share time with each other and to build relationships that will contribute to a safer Chesterfield County, not only on National Night Out but on every night. From what we've seen in the pictures and reports from our citizens, everyone involved had a great time, and we are already looking forward to National Night Out 2022.





Chesterfield Police Activities League Summer Activities

The Chesterfield PAL program started off the summer with a bowling league hosted by Uptown Alley from June 12 through August 21. The league, composed of youth from middle school through high school, created teams that competed against each other every Saturday. The bowlers, who paid \$12 per week, received three games, shoe and ball rental, and a breakfast sandwich. On the final week, the bowlers enjoyed a pizza party and a tour of the back of the bowling alley. Awards were presented to the first-place team, bowlers of the week, and bowlers with high games and high series.

The PAL program also restored the 5-0 Fridays Program, a one-day camp every Friday in July from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Each week focused on a single sport at different locations throughout the county. On July 9, the first 5-0 Friday camp for basketball met at Woolridge Elementary School.

The following week featured soccer at River City Sports Plex. Volleyball was the focus on week three at Elizabeth Davis Middle School, and the final camp, basketball again, met at Meadowbrook High School. With the help of our community partners, breakfast and lunch were provided for all youth athletes, and numerous opportunities were created for officers to engage the youth attending summer school.

On July 9, Chesterfield PAL and the Community Services Division partnered with local nonprofit organizations to offer a one-day football camp with NFL players C.J. Reavis, Jalen Elliot, and Anthony Harris at L. C. Bird High School. Youth were able to run through drills, experience a scrimmage, and enjoy a dinner from Mission BBQ. Participants were also able to get autographs and photos from the NFL players.

During the week of July 12–15, our PAL program partnered with various service organizations to provide a wide variety of experiences. Starting with the Promoting Achievement with Steam (PAWS) program at Falling Creek Middle School, the week's activities also included interaction with specialized units from the police department. Participants enjoyed a visit with the K-9 Unit, where they observed the dogs and learned about handling and training of animals and equipment. They also interacted with members of the Chesterfield County Police Department's SWAT Team, the Production Team, the Forensics Unit, and the Special Response Unit. The participants were also informed of requirements to become members of these units.

On July 12, Community Policing Officers and PAL Officers worked together with Pocahontas State Park staff to introduce youth from around the county to mountain biking. Rides to the park were provided for everyone, and each participant was given a bike and helmet for the day. More experienced riders went on trails with some officers while other officers taught beginners the basics. The youth were then treated to lunch by the Friends of Pocahontas. Once everyone was served, the participants were told that they would be able to keep the helmets and bikes. The exciting day closed with some light fishing.



TEEN ACADEMY 2021



This year's Chesterfield County Police Department Teen Academy was held from August 9-13. The academy gives its participants an up-close, hands-on opportunity to experience the inner workings of our police department.

On Monday, the group observed the work of the K-9 unit and saw bomb detecting dogs in action. They later spent time with the latest cadet class and the Forensics Unit, where they learned fingerprinting and other crime detection techniques.

On Tuesday, the young people spent most of their time at the Challenge Course. Team building exercises proved to be popular, as did rope walking and other well-supervised but challenging physical feats. The day ended with a tour of the county's animal shelter.

Wednesday began with the Traffic Safety Section. Each student was given the opportunity to use a radar gun as cars passed along and to do traffic stop scenarios. The remainder of the day was spent at the department's driving and firearms range, where students observed officers training to use weapons under various circumstance.

Thursday was a day of wide variety. At the county airport, students learned how aircraft are used to locate fugitives. At another location, an internet safety presentation provided valuable information. A visit to the Emergency Communications Center allowed students to see the 911 call center first-hand.

Friday the students were introduced to members of the SWAT Team, along with being provided substance abuse training. The students were then joined by family members for their graduation where each student received a certificate.



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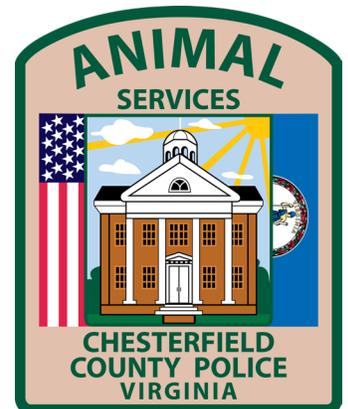
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Pet Adoption

My name is Finnegan, “Finn” for short, and it is lovely to meet you! I am the quintessential kitten. When I’m not napping on foster mom’s lap, my favorite thing to do is play. I also love the resident dog and my siblings. I am super playful, but also enjoy cuddling and sleeping in your bed! If you lock me out of a room, I will quietly meow till you let me in! I just love to be with my people.

If you are interested in meeting this pet, please call us at (804) 748-1683, option “2”, to schedule an appointment.





HALLOWEEN SAFETY

October is creeping up on us, and with it comes that spookiest night of the year: Halloween. For the sake of our children, extra emphasis on safety is essential on Halloween. Keeping safety in mind, consider the following tips:

- Costumes should have bright colors and reflective surfaces so they can be seen by cars from a safe distance. Large eyeholes in costumes enable children to better see where they're going.
- Trick or treaters should always travel in groups and have at least one adult with them.
- Each group should have at least one flashlight and one fully charged cell phone. Light sticks are always popular with children, so try to give each child one to carry.
- Only trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods or at familiar houses.
- Inform someone not with your group of your planned route, who is in your group, what time you are leaving, and what time you plan to return.
- Keep your group together. Stop after every few houses to take attendance.
- An adult should inspect all candy before the children dig into their bags and discard any candy that has been opened or looks suspicious.



By following these guidelines, you and your children can enjoy the night without the fright.



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Medication Take-Back

**Saturday, October 23, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Wegmans
12501 Stone Village Way
Midlothian, VA 23113**



**Sharps will not
be accepted.**

**Please help prevent drug abuse and protect the
environment. Turn in your unused or expired medication
for safe disposal at our next Medication Take-Back Event!**



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**Substance Abuse
Free Environment**



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