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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Medication
Take-Back
April 24**
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SAVE THE DATES

KICK-OFF
JUNE 26 - 5-8:30 P.M.

MAIN EVENT
AUGUST 3 - 6-10 P.M.



The Chesterfield County Police Department cordially invites you, your family, and friends to attend this year's annual National Night Out celebration activities. The festivities commence at 5 p.m. on June 26, 2021, at Westchester Commons with the department's annual National Night Out Kick-Off. This free event will feature live music, vendors, classic cars, furry friends from the Chesterfield Animal Shelter, and much more.

The season reaches its crescendo on August 3, 2021, the evening of National Night Out itself. We are looking forward to re-emerging from the shadow of 2020 to engage with all our communities across the county. We are eager to mingle with our citizens at block parties and gatherings and to re-establish the bonds that we cherish. Registration will open soon for this event, so check back with us for further details.



Chesterfield Domestic and Sexual Violence Resource Center

As April brings warmer weather, emerging flowers, longer days, and fresh beginnings, April is also a time for action, reflection, and support of sexual assault survivors. Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month — a time to focus efforts on prevention of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse — has occurred nationally since the 1970s, perhaps earlier. In Chesterfield County, a small but mighty team within the Chesterfield Domestic and Sexual Violence Resource Center (DSVRC) assists survivors throughout the year.

The Chesterfield DSVRC staff provide no-cost, confidential advocacy and clinical services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Advocates Laura Beth Spaulding and Victoria Stuhldreher are available at the Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courthouse Monday through Friday to provide services such as: protective order assistance, civil court accompaniment, safety planning, and referrals to resources. Senior Clinician Kim Mauck is available Monday through Friday to provide therapeutic counseling by video or telephone, whichever platform is most comfortable for clients. Additionally, virtual support groups are offered several times a week. Although all clinical services are currently only offered by phone and video, in-person counseling and support groups will resume once it is safe to do so. The DSVRC's advocacy team can be reached by calling (804) 706-2701 or (804) 706-2544. To inquire about clinical services, please call (804) 638-0156.

The Chesterfield DSVRC provides oversight to the Chesterfield Intimate Partner and Family Violence Fatality Review Team and provides leadership to the non-profit Chesterfield Domestic Violence Task Force (CDVTF). The CDVTF sponsors outreach, training, and fundraising events throughout the year, with campaigns in April and October to highlight Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, respectively. The vast majority of CDVTF fundraising supports the Carolyn Miller Memorial Fund. To learn more about the CDVTF, please visit www.chesterfield.gov/cdvtf and follow us on Facebook.

The DSVRC Coordinator, Lindsay G. Cassada, is available to provide informal Q&A sessions on domestic and/or sexual violence, or traditional education and training. For more information about either opportunity, please contact Lindsay at (804) 318-8265 or by email at cassadal@chesterfield.gov

To learn more about intimate partner and sexual violence, or to learn more about the DSVRC's services, please visit www.chesterfield.gov/dsvrc



To anonymously report a crime and/or fugitive in Chesterfield County or Colonial Heights, call Crime Solvers at (804) 748-0660 or use the P3 Tips mobile app. Your tip could make you eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000.

Help CCPD Select Future Officers

At the Chesterfield County Police Department (CCPD), we are a part of our community, not apart from it. In this spirit, we are inviting members of our community to help us select future Chesterfield County Police officers.

Our new Police Officer Hiring Process volunteers will join command staff members at the table and participate in panel interviews of police officer applicants. These Level-1 volunteers will also review final background investigation summary reports to provide recommendations for hire. They will have a voice in the final recommendation of a given applicant's viability for the police officer position.

If you've considered volunteering with the Chesterfield County Police Department, this is an excellent opportunity. You will help us ensure we are hiring top-tier talent in order to best serve our flourishing Chesterfield County community.

Watch ["Colonel Katz Want You to Volunteer"](#) or scan the QR code.



Level-1 Volunteer

Key steps to becoming an authorized Level-1 Volunteer for the police officer hiring process:

- [Email Sr. Human Resource Analyst A. Stern](#) to get the process started.
- Complete and return (electronically or physically) the Background Investigation Packet, the Rules of Confidentiality, and the Volunteer Assumption of Risk form, which you will receive via email.
- Upon review of the information you provide, you will either be scheduled for a background interview with a police personnel background detective or receive notification that you are not eligible to proceed in the process.
- Complete a polygraph examination.
- Complete a panel interview with department command staff members.
- Complete a psychological evaluation.
- Final file is reviewed by the chain of command up through the Chief of Police.

Background Checks

The following checks will be conducted if you proceed to the background investigation phase:

- Driver's transcripts
- NCIC/VCIN check
- CCRE/FBI fingerprint check
- Virginia Department of Social Services/Child Protective Services search (VA residents only – past and present)
- Check of databases available to law enforcement
- Financial records check, to include bank account history and credit report
- Employment reference check on the applicant for the past seven years, as well as relevant work history. Applicants will provide a complete work history in their packet
- Personal reference check – six references are initially provided by the applicant
- Neighbor reference check – three references are initially provided by the applicant
- Landlord check, past and present – names are provided by the applicant
- DD214, if applicable
- High school transcripts or GED certificate

PET ADOPTION



This handsome boy is Jamaican Jax (Animal #595289)! He's a fun loving boy with a bubbly personality. He's medium sized, but we feel he would not be a good fit for apartment living due to his energy level. He would do best in a home with a fenced in yard where he could run around. He knows how to sit and loves treats! He also enjoys a nice game of fetch and tug-of-war. Jamaican Jax does not do well with other animals and would like to be the only pet in the home. He also shouldn't go to a home where there are small children due to having high energy. He is a 2-year-old Pitbull mix.

If you are interested in meeting this pet, please contact Chesterfield County Animal Services at (804) 748-1683, option "0", to schedule an appointment. Office staff are available by phone Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shelter is located at 9300 Public Works Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832.



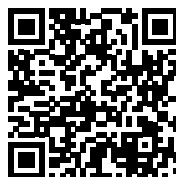
Combining Neighborhood Watch Meetings with Social Events

Neighborhood Watch is a program with a serious mission, but that doesn't necessarily mean that meetings must be somber affairs. Part of a successful Watch program is building a community of residents with strong ties to each other. Combining Neighborhood Watch meetings with social events is an effective way to create a cohesive group. Your most significant event could be the celebration of National Night Out, traditionally held the first Tuesday in August. This event can be celebrated with a block party, a barbecue, or a pool party. There is no limit to the possibilities! The appearance of a Chesterfield County police officer at your celebration also presents an excellent opportunity to meet your local officer and to share ideas and thoughts about safety and crime prevention in your community.

Another yearly event is Halloween, when a Trunk-or-Treat event is a fine way to get neighbors together to socialize while safely entertaining young ones on the spookiest of evenings. Other holidays, such as the Fourth of July, Easter, or perhaps a special event unique to your neighborhood, also present potential opportunities to tie-in a Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Any ideas that energize your meetings and make them more fun and memorable will generate and expand interest in your community's Neighborhood Watch program.

Want to learn more about how to start a Neighborhood Watch program in your neighborhood? Visit us at chesterfield.gov, scan the QR code or call Corporal Eckrich at 804-706-2982.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CORNER

Medication Take-Back

**Saturday, April 24, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**John Tyler Community College
Chester Campus
Nicholas Student Center
13101 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Chester, Va. 23831**



**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!



**Chesterfield County
Police Department**



**John Tyler
Community College**



**Substance Abuse
Free Environment**



**Drug Enforcement
Administration**



**Community Emergency
Response Team**



**Chesterfield County
Sheriff's Office**



Landscaping: Don't LEAF It Alone!

Are you aware that landscaping plays an integral role in crime prevention? Trees, for example, can facilitate access over fences. Additionally, shrubs can foster criminal concealment, and barrier plants can function as natural access control.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is based on the principle that physical design can shape and influence human behavior. CPTED views landscaping from an opportunity-crime perspective. In fact, criminals do the very same thing; they read the environment and determine how they can use landscaping to their advantage. Can landscaping conceal their presence? Does landscaping afford privacy for their activities? Will tree limbs facilitate roof access?

Landscaping measures you take as a homeowner or business owner can help minimize the risk of becoming an attractive criminal target. Crime preventive landscaping measures include:

- Maximizing visibility by keeping tree canopies at least 7-8 feet above grade.
- Improving nighttime visibility by keeping tree canopies pruned from around light poles and building-mounted lights.
- Pruning tree canopies, as necessary, to keep limbs from facilitating access over fences or to second-floor windows and roofs.
- Trimming shrubs around doorways below 30 inches in height or thin their canopies for visibility through the shrubs. For taller or mature shrubs, raise canopies 24-30 inches above grade.
- Keeping shrubs beneath windows lower than the windowsills (while keeping the preceding recommendation in mind).
- Placing barrier plants, such as Winterberry, Barberry, Firethorn, and hollies, in areas where access is unwanted/prohibited.
- Use of low shrubs and ground covers to delineate property lines and enhance the transition from public to private property.
- Use of flowering and colorful plants to draw eyes thereby increasing natural surveillance of the property.

It is difficult to overemphasize how many crimes are opportunity-based. Too often, home and business owners unknowingly encourage criminal activity by making their landscaping attractive and/or easy to harm people or property. Stay vigilant, think proactively, and maintain landscaping in a crime-preventive-minded manner to help avoid becoming a target.



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