



Community Services

Crime Prevention

# Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Citizen's Academy

Thursdays

Sept. 9 - Oct. 28

Click Here for more information.



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT KICK-OFF 2021

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 26, 2021  
5-8:30 P.M.**

**WESTCHESTER COMMONS  
15786 WC MAIN STREET  
MIDLOTHIAN, VA**

**FAMILY FUN**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**POLICE  
HELICOPTER**

**VENDORS**

**MCGRUFF**

**CLASSIC  
CARS**



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

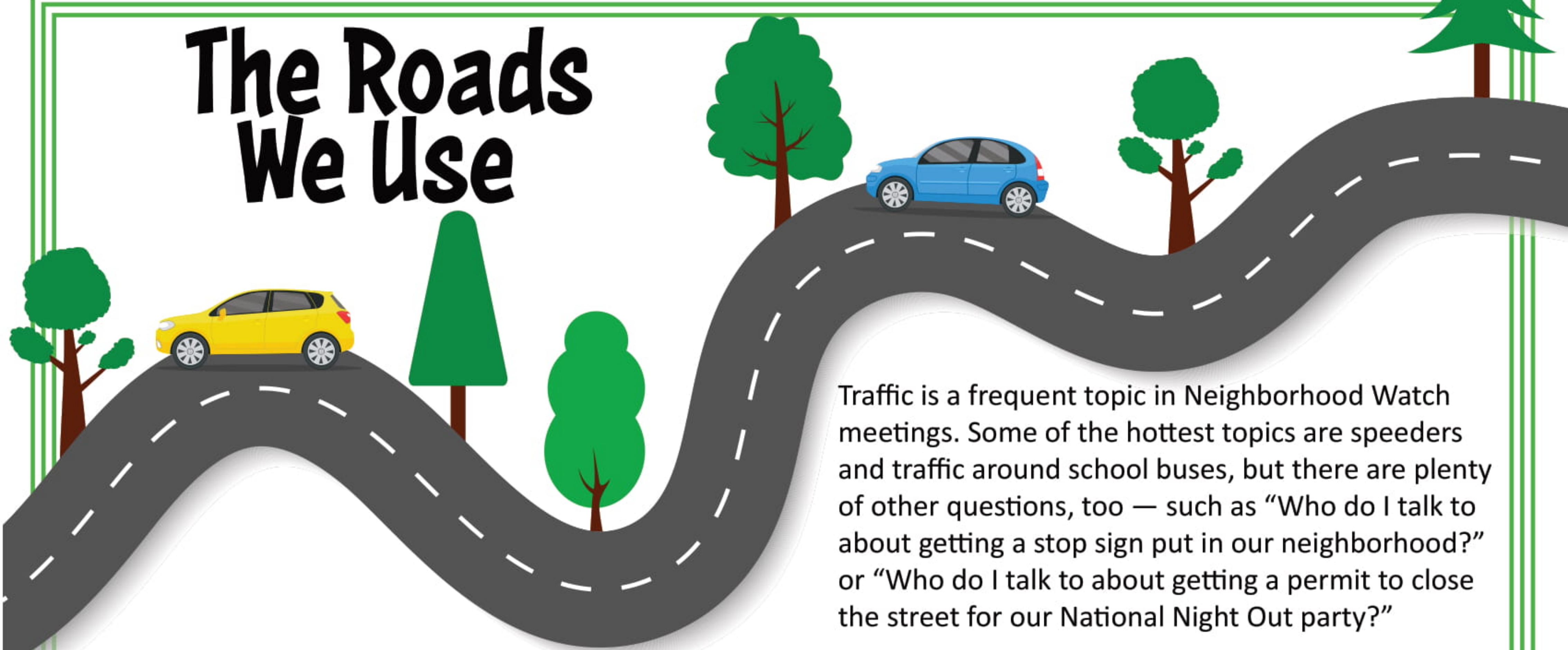
[WWW.CHESTERFIELD.GOV/NATIONALNIGHTOUT](http://WWW.CHESTERFIELD.GOV/NATIONALNIGHTOUT)

CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK WILL BE ACCEPTING FOOD DONATIONS

## COMING SOON!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CORPORAL CRAIG ECKRICH  
[706-2982](tel:706-2982) OR [ECKRICHC@CHESTERFIELD.GOV](mailto:ECKRICHC@CHESTERFIELD.GOV)

# The Roads We Use



Traffic is a frequent topic in Neighborhood Watch meetings. Some of the hottest topics are speeders and traffic around school buses, but there are plenty of other questions, too — such as “Who do I talk to about getting a stop sign put in our neighborhood?” or “Who do I talk to about getting a permit to close the street for our National Night Out party?”

Both are excellent questions, so let’s investigate them. Chesterfield County has its own Department of Transportation. According to its website, Chesterfield County Transportation:

- Manages road construction projects.
- Provides information and recommendations on technical and policy issues to the Board of Supervisors, County Administration, the development community, and citizens.
- Provides liaison between County Administration, County residents, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- Provides recommendations on land use and transportation planning.

You can contact Chesterfield DOT to request traffic studies or situations related to any of the above matters on a county level. Their telephone number is 804-748-1037, and you can also find them online at <https://www.chesterfield.gov/574/Transportation>.

To request a speed hump or a street sign, contact the Virginia Department of Transportation. VDOT maintains all state roads and interstates in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Most questions regarding roadways should be directed here. Chesterfield is covered by the Richmond district office, which you can reach at [804-524-6000](tel:804-524-6000) or via email at <https://www.virginiadot.org>.

Closing a road is a little bit trickier. Different factors regarding your function determine who you need to speak with in order to obtain a permit.

- If you’re just trying to block your road for a block party or a similar event, contact your local VDOT district office.
- If your event has live entertainment or will be charging admission, speak with the County Attorney’s office.
- If your neighborhood operates under a HOA, there may also be HOA regulations to consider.
- If your event will be serving alcohol, you must contact the Virginia ABC.

We hope this article clarifies policies and answers these often-asked questions.



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH CORNER**



To anonymously report a crime and/or fugitive in Chesterfield County or Colonial Heights, call Crime Solvers at [\(804\) 748-0660](tel:8047480660) or use the P3 Tips mobile app. Your tip could make you eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000.



## Your car door is locked...but are you finished?

By now, you're probably used to the Chesterfield County Police Department urging everyone to lock their car doors – but there are other doors that shouldn't be overlooked!

Many people leave their exterior garage doors unlocked for convenience when bringing in groceries or getting the kids into the house quickly after athletic events. However, unlocked garage doors provide convenience for criminals, too. An open or unlocked garage can become a burglar's treasure trove of vehicles, tools, expensive recreation equipment, and more.

There is another critical door in most garages: the interior door leading into the house. Many of us lock the garage door, or think that we have, and then leave the interior door to the house unlocked. Once a criminal gains entry to the garage through an unlocked outer door and finds the interior door to the residence unsecured, the whole house becomes fair game.

Please take a minute to protect yourself and your belongings. After locking your car door, make sure your garage and interior doors are locked as well. You'll be glad you did!

**CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS**

## **SMARTWATER CSI AIDS IN APPREHENSION OF BURGLARY SUSPECT**

Burglars struck the Etrick Deli several times in recent months – that is, they did until Chesterfield County Police, with the help of SmartWater CSI, apprehended a suspect nearby after the most recent break-in.

Following the previous break-ins, Chesterfield County Police partnered with the Etrick Deli to install a covert delivery system for SmartWater CSI, a colorless liquid that contains a unique code that is registered to a particular user. SmartWater CSI is invisible to the naked eye, visible only under a specific UV light available to law enforcement through SmartWater CSI. When officers responded to the most recent call at Etrick Deli, they quickly located and apprehended a male suspect. Using the issued light, officers saw that the suspect's clothing and items in his possession were marked with SmartWater CSI (pictured).

SmartWater CSI is not just for businesses; this forensic coding solution can be applied to household valuables like jewelry and electronics. Even the tiniest amount of this undetectable liquid contains a unique chemical signature. "It's an invisible serial number you can use on anything," said Lieutenant Stephen Fortier, Commander of the Chesterfield County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. SmartWater CSI can help the police trace recovered stolen property back to its registered owner. The SmartWater CSI mark will remain on your property for a minimum of five years and cannot be removed. Several Chesterfield County neighborhoods have begun to use SmartWater CSI to protect their property by marking their items with the high-tech liquid.

If you would like to work with Chesterfield County Police to bring this product to your business or neighborhood, please contact the Community Services Division at [804-318-8699](tel:804-318-8699).



# TEEN ACADEMY 2021



August 9-13

8:30 - 5 p.m.

2730 Hicks Road

N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

Free Event for Chesterfield  
County residents

Register  
Here



## CHESTERFIELD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

For more information, contact Corporal Matt Rogers  
at [318-8549](tel:318-8549), or email [rogersmw@chesterfield.gov](mailto:rogersmw@chesterfield.gov).

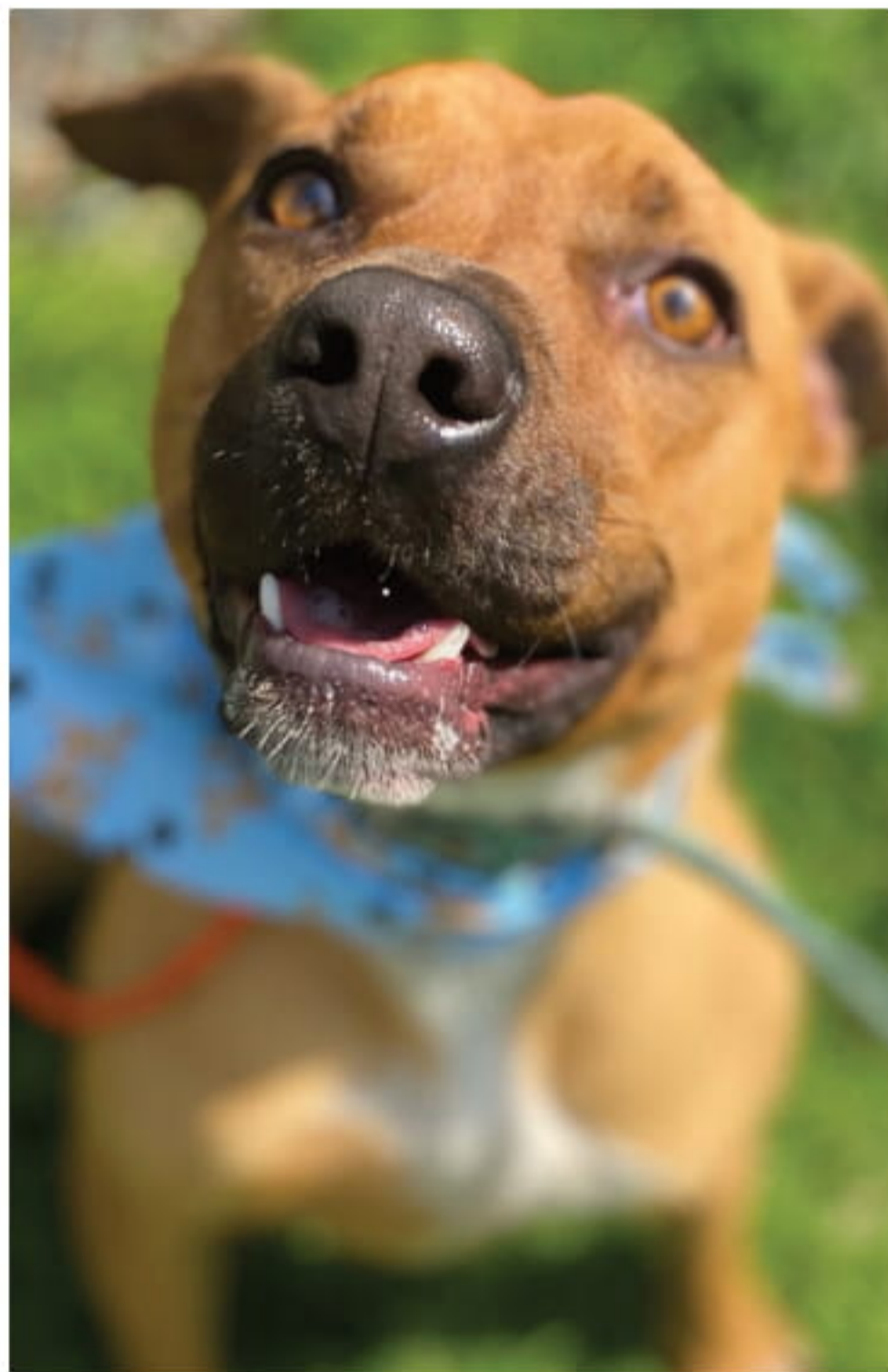


# Bicycle Helmet Saves a Life

A Chesterfield County woman says wearing her helmet when riding her bicycle saved her life. While camping in Shenandoah last August, a routine bicycle ride to Dark Hollow Falls became a traumatic fight for her life. In a light-hearted competition with her husband, she broke off the trail onto uneven pavement, consequently tumbling over the bike's handlebars. Witnesses to the crash administered first aid prior to the park ranger's arrival. Because she was nearly unconscious and in shock, the ranger contemplated an airlift, but a rescue squad was summoned instead when she regained full consciousness. Although in excruciating pain, she was lucid when rushed to the hospital, where she spent four days in the Intensive Care Unit and another three in the hospital. Altogether, she suffered eight broken ribs and a broken scapula, clavicle, and thumb! She avoided a traumatic brain injury thanks to wearing a helmet. The hospital staff said that if not for the helmet she probably would have died or suffered severe brain injury. Now, almost a year later, she continues to recover from her fall, but is grateful every day that she wore her helmet.



Actual photos of the woman's helmet post fall



## PET ADOPTION

You may remember this guy. His name is Jamaican Jax, but he goes by Jax. He is really sad because he has been in the shelter the longest out of all of our animals we currently have here. He came into the shelter toward the end of January, so he's been here for a few months now. He sees all of the animals around him leave and find homes and he's wondering why no one has offered him a home. You will always find a big smile across his face as he just wants to make you happy. Jax has a charismatic personality and is always down to do anything fun. He loves: doing zoomies, playing fetch, going on walks, and socializing with people. He dislikes: dogs and cats. Jax has a lot of energy and would greatly benefit from a home with a fenced in yard where he could run. Due to Jax's energy level, he cannot go to a home where children are under the age of 16 years old. Jax is a 2-year-old Pitbull and he weighs 30 pounds. Let's make Jax's day and find him a loving home .

If you are interested in meeting this pet, please contact Chesterfield County Animal Services at [\(804\) 748-1683](tel:8047481683), option "0", to schedule an appointment. Office staff are available by phone Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The shelter is located at [9300 Public Works Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832](https://www.chesterfieldva.gov/9300-Public-Works-Road).



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