

# SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## ChesterFest

Enjoy an assortment of food and craft vendors, live music and other entertainment, such as a dog show and pie-eating contest. ChesterFest is a family-oriented gathering, including a Kid's Zone, equipped with inflatables and hands-on activities.

Chester Village Green (beside the Chester Library), 11800 Centre Street

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Free

Details: 751-0421 or [www.chesterfest.org](http://www.chesterfest.org)

## Eppington Heritage Day

Spend the day experiencing Colonial history at Eppington Plantation. Eppington is a circa 1765 plantation named after the Eppes family, who built the estate. Activities include house tours, period children's games, period music and dancing, storytelling, craft demonstrations, period vendors, carriage rides and living history. Experience a wine tasting presented by Spring Run Vineyards and enjoy a musical performance by Chesterfield Community Band. Concessions available. Special open house for Pleasant View School - free tours.

Eppington Plantation, 14206 Eppes Falls Road

Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Free

Details: 751-4946 or [visitchesterfieldva.com](http://visitchesterfieldva.com)

## Pleasant View School Open House

The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia, in cooperation with Chesterfield Parks and Recreation Department, is pleased to host an open house for Pleasant View School on Saturday, October 7, in conjunction with Eppington Heritage Day. Members of the African American History committee of the Chesterfield Historical Society will be present at Eppington Plantation to share the history of the early African American school and will be at Pleasant View to conduct tours of the school house. Tours are free and will be ongoing throughout the day. Parking is available on site.

Pleasant View School, 18431 River Road

Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Details: 751-4946 or [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)

## Pocahontas Performances Premiere Series: Richmond Symphony

Join us for a performance by the Richmond Symphony cosponsored by the Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Bring a blanket and lawn chairs. No alcohol, pets or glass bottles are allowed.

Saturday, Oct. 7, 4 p.m., Westchester Commons, Free

15786 WC Main Street

Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 8, James River High School, 3700 James River Road

Details: 796-4255

## Midlothian Village Day Festival

The festival is a community day filled with fun activities for the whole family. There will be crafters, community booths, games, inflatables, entertainment, food vendors, a raffle and more!

Midlothian Middle School, 13501 Midlothian Turnpike

Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Free

Details: [www.midlothianfestival.net](http://www.midlothianfestival.net)

## More Special Events:

- Henricus, see page 15-16
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## Mid-Lothian Mines Day

Learn about the coal-mining history that began in Midlothian. Activities include living-history demonstrations, period music, period children's games, a coal mining and railroad display and guided-walking tours. View a reproduction of the headstock that was part of the coal mining operations. Enjoy musical performances at the amphitheater, including the Press Gang and a bagpipe performance. Enjoy a guided tour onboard a period trolley. Parking is available on site. Event is offered in conjunction with Midlothian Village Day.

Mid-Lothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road

Saturday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Free

Details: Call 751-4946 or [visitchesterfieldva.com](http://visitchesterfieldva.com)

## 1917 Courthouse Centennial

This special program will mark the 100th anniversary of the Historic 1917 Courthouse. This commemoration will include a reenactment of one of the first court cases heard at the courthouse, living history displays, unveiling of a new interpretive sign on the Courthouse Green, ringing of the new courthouse bell and unveiling of the restored original 1749 bell, on display at the Chesterfield County Museum.

1917 Courthouse, 10011 Iron Bridge Road

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2-4 p.m.

Free

Details: 751-4946 or [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)

## A Call, Letter or E-mail From Santa

Children may talk to, or receive a letter or an e-mail from Santa or Mrs. Claus. Request forms will be distributed to elementary schools in October, or send written requests to Santa, c/o Chesterfield County Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Please specify whether you want your child to receive a call, letter or e-mail. Requests should include the child's name, telephone number, address (including ZIP code), school, grade, teacher, favorite activities and some positive things about your child. Written requests must be received by Nov. 28. Calls will be made from 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 6. **NO SPECIAL REQUESTS PLEASE.** For children, ages 4-8.

Details: 748-1623

## 25th Annual James River Parade of Lights

Enjoy this unique holiday event. There are viewing sites throughout the Richmond area. Dress warmly and bring flashlights. This event is a cooperative effort among Chesterfield and Henrico counties, the City of Richmond, and the James River Advisory Council.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Free

Dutch Gap Boat Landing, 501 Coxendale Road, viewing time

7:30-7:45 p.m.

The Bluff at the Henricus Historical Park, 601 Coxendale Road, viewing time 7:45-8 p.m.

Details: 748-1567, [www.jrac-va.org/parade.htm](http://www.jrac-va.org/parade.htm)

## Tacky Light Run

This 6k holiday-themed fun run will start and finish in Mid-Lothian Mines Park, with participants looping through the adjoining Walton Park neighborhood, to see some of the most festive homes in the community. The event truly illuminates Chesterfield County to all in attendance as we continue to enjoy the RVA tradition of "tacky" holiday lights.

Mid-Lothian Mines Park, 13301 N. Woolridge Road

Saturday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m.

Details: [www.sportsbackers.org/events/tacky-light-run/](http://www.sportsbackers.org/events/tacky-light-run/)