

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Mother's Day Tea

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at Magnolia Grange with Living History Interpreter Debbie Phillips for tea as she portrays Elizabeth Arnold Poe, American actress and the mother of the American author Edgar Allan Poe. Finger sandwiches, dessert and tea provided. Tours of the house will be offered and the gift shop will be open. Space is limited.

To register visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com.

Magnolia Grange, 10020 Iron Bridge Road

Wednesday, May 9, 1-3 p.m. \$30/person

Details: 796-7156

Pocahontas Performances Premier Series: Richmond Symphony

Join us at the Pocahontas Heritage Amphitheater for the popular Richmond Symphony performance, co-sponsored by the Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Bring a picnic. Blankets or lawn chairs are recommended, and no alcohol or glass bottles are allowed.

Pocahontas State Park Amphitheater, 10301 State Park Road
Saturday, June 2, 7 p.m. (rain-date: Sun. June 3, James River High School @ 7 p.m.)

Free admission, per-vehicle charge for parking

Details: 804-788-1212 and www.richmondsymphony.com

Planters Day Festival

Experience an afternoon of historical enjoyment as we take a look at the jobs and crafts of the 19th century. Discover what life was like in Chesterfield on a farm as you encounter living history, period demonstrations, crafters, period music and children's period activities.

Magnolia Grange, 10020 Iron Bridge Road

Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Free

Details: call 748-1498 or visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com

Family Movie Series @ Pocahontas State Park

Bring your family out to Pocahontas State Park and enjoy the summer Family Movie Night series. Bring chairs, food and blankets and watch a movie. Food vendors will be on-site. No pets or alcohol are allowed.

Title sponsors for this event include: Chesterfield Credit Union, Friends of Pocahontas State Park and The Village News.

Pocahontas State Park, 10301 State Park Road

Saturday, June 30 – The Nut Job 2 (rain-date: Friday, July 6)

Saturday, July 28 – CARS 3 (rain-date: Friday, Aug. 3)

No charge for parking after 6 p.m.

Gates and kid's entertainment area opens at 6 p.m., movie starts at dusk.

Details: Mark Pinney, 748-1992, pinneym@chesterfield.gov

Family Movie Night – "Lion King" @ the Fairgrounds

Enjoy "Lion King" on a 26-ft inflatable screen! Bring your chairs and enjoy it under the stars. Visit the vendors before the show. No pets allowed. Title sponsors for this event include: Chesterfield Credit Union, Friends of Pocahontas State Park and The Village News.

Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 10300 Courthouse Road

Friday, June 1 (Rain date: Sat., June 2)

Free

Gates open at 6 p.m. Movie starts at dusk

Details: Mark Pinney, 748-1992, pinneym@chesterfield.gov

Fourth of July Celebration

Celebrate Independence Day with a spectacular firework display at dark! The event, held at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds (across from L.C. Bird High School), includes an activity area for children*, food vendors and special entertainment. No alcohol, glass bottles, pets or personal fireworks are allowed. Blankets or lawn chairs are recommended. Limited parking; roads leading to fairgrounds will be closed when parking lots are full. Don't miss this fun-filled event for all ages.

Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 10300 Courthouse Road

Wednesday, July 4 (no rain-date)

Free

Gates open at 5 p.m.; fireworks at dark

Thanks to TGI Fridays for sponsoring the Children's Amusement Area.

* Fourth of July Celebration Children's Wristbands

The wristband is good for access to the children's amusements and inflatables. Buy your child's wristband early and save some time.

Once you arrive at the event, report to the children's area to pick up your wristband. Bring your receipt.

\$5

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Details: Mark Pinney, 748-1992, pinneym@chesterfield.gov

Christmas in July Parade of Lights

It was with sad hearts that we had to cancel the 25th Annual Parade of Lights in December due to inclement weather. But ... we are happy to announce that we will be holding a "Christmas in July" Parade of Lights so that everyone can enjoy a summer version of this unique holiday event. There are viewing sites throughout the Richmond area. This event is a cooperative effort among Chesterfield and Henrico counties, the City of Richmond and the James River Advisory Council. Parking is limited due to construction.

Saturday, July 21

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

Explore the Outdoors

Families can explore the natural environment and enjoy nature walks, hands-on science and nature activities, scavenger hunts, geocaching, outdoor adventure demonstrations, animals, and other exciting activities. Special guest is Curious George. Event is supported by PBS KIDS. Co-sponsored by Chesterfield Parks and Recreation and The Community Idea Stations. Concessions available.

WCVE Studios, 23 Sesame Street

Free, but registration required

Parking at Johnston Willis Hospital, OrthoVirginia and Midlothian Athletic Club

Handicapped parking at Huguenot Park, 10901 Robious Road
Sunday, May 20, 1-5 p.m.

Details: Noel Losen, 748-1129