

Charles City County

Summer Reading Club (Heritage Public Library)

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Special points of interest:

- Energy Assistance Program application due August 15, 2015
- Rabies Clinic: Saturday, October 3, 2015
- County Tree Ornaments for Executive Mansion due October 16, 2015
- DMV Mobile Services September 30, 2015

Read to the Rhythm is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Club at Heritage Public Library. It's not too late to register your child (and yourself!) for the Club. Participants have the opportunity to read and win prizes - birth through adult. The Virginia Living Museum's "Reptiles of the World" was a very popular kick-off program, presented to over 35 attendees on Monday, June 15. All programs are being held at the Library's location in the new Courthouse building. Phone 652-2450 for more information.



Bo Baker of the Virginia Living Museum presents "Reptiles of the World" to over 35 attendees at a Library session on June 15. This program is the first of several programs in the Library's Summer Reading Club series for 2015.

Other activities will include:

Saturday, July 18, **Craft Day** (kindergarten through 5th grades) -

10 a.m. - noon
Monday, July 20, **The Magic of Sound** by Lara Templin - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, August 3, **Every Animal Has a Story** by the Virginia Living Museum - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 8, **Ice Cream Social** - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 8, **Turtle Clan Singers** - 1:00 p.m.

Other programs will be held at the Library's New Kent location because of limited space in the Charles City location. Residents of all ages are welcome to all these events:

July 13-16, **Art Camp** with Megan Countess (ages 11-14) - 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Must register.

July 29, **Lego Robotics** (limit, 12 participants) - 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Must register.

The Library thanks the Kip Kephart Foundation and the Friends of the Heritage Public Library for their support of all summer reading activities.

Lott Cary Remembered

Charles City County will host members of the Lott Carey Alumni Assoc. of the US, an organization of former students of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission School in Liberia, West Africa. The purpose of the association is to support the school which was badly dam-



aged in the late Civil War. A program commemorating the life of Rev.

Lott Cary, Charles City native son and Liberian founding father will take place Saturday July 11th at

11 AM in the Government and School Administration Building Auditorium. The Charles City Spiritual Ensemble will perform. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

Energy Assistance Cooling Program

Applications for the Energy Assistance (Cooling) Program will be accepted **June 15, 2015 through August 15, 2015**. Cooling Assistance provides purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment for electricity to operate cooling equipment. In order to be eligible, you must meet income and other eligibility guidelines. Verification of income for **ALL** persons living in the house is required.

A household must contain at least one (1) vul-

nerable individual who is 60 years old or older, disabled, or under 6 years of age.



Applications are available at the Charles City Department of Social Services, Monday through

Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or you can apply online at www.commonhelp.virginia.gov.

For more information please contact Marcie P. Jones at (804) 652-1708.

Insured? NOW WHAT?

Join us for a FREE information session to learn more about your new Marketplace insurance plan and to ask any questions you may have about your plan or how to use your benefits.

WHEN:

Thursday, June 25th
Wednesday, July 15th
Wednesday, August 26th

WHERE:

Charles City Regional Health Services
9950 Courthouse Rd
Charles City, VA 23030

TIME:

All sessions are 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*To provide the most accurate information,
please bring a copy of your insurance summary of benefits.*

For more information, please contact
Lindsey Johnson at (804) 432-6553



OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST - GET COVERED

Parks & Recreation Department

Parks & Recreation have something to offer to everyone for the summer:

They are offering the following classes:

Yoga every Monday at 6:30 pm at the gymnasium.

Line Dancing every Thursday at 6:30 pm at the gymnasium.

Aqua Zumba held every Tuesday at the Social Center at 6:30 pm.

Fee for participation in each of these programs is \$5.00 per person.

Swim Lessons:



Swim lessons, 1 hour sessions, will be held Monday thru Friday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

First Session: July 6th - July 17th

Second Session: July 20th - July 31st

Cost per person per session: \$45.00

Questions pertaining to age participation will be directed to the life guard.

Swimming Pool hours for the public:

Weekdays: 3:00 – 6:00pm

Weekends: 1:00 – 6:00pm

Senior Citizen's Annual Picnic is scheduled to be held at Harrison Park this year. Picnic will take place in September and an exact date and time will be set at a later date.

Do you like fishing? Plan to go with Parks & Recreation on a fishing trip with Ocean Eagle Charter Company out of Hamp-

ton, Virginia on July 24th. Cost for this trip is \$40.00 per person. Bus will be leaving CC Social Center at 3:30 pm and returning at 11:30 pm.

The Young at Heart: "Wild Pony Swim" - Chincoteague, Va. Depart at the crack of dawn on Wednesday, July 29, 5:00 am and arrive in Chincoteague at approximately 9:00 am for a day filled of fun and adventure. Meals not included. Cost: \$50 per person. Payment deadline is July 15th.

No refunds or cancellations. Make checks payable to "The Young At Heart". Call the Recreation Department at (804) 652-1601 for more detailed information.

"Movement is a medicine for creating change in a person's physical, emotional, and mental state."

Office of the General Registrar Receives Laptops

The State Board of Elections along with the Department of Elections have generously given 7 **FREE Brand New Lap Tops** to the Office of the General Registrar in Charles City County. The laptops will be used in the precincts for our poll books.

This accrument is a direct result of Catrinia Barneycastle dedication, compassion, consistence, and habitualy answering numerous and detailed surveys, researching past elections and generally "jumping through the proverbial hoops" in



order to achieve the ultimate goal of FREE Brand New Lap Tops.

GOAL ACHIEVED!

Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP)



Provides unbiased, confidential counseling and assistance at NO COST for people with Medicare.

VICAP counselors *are not licensed* and *do not sell* insurance!

VICAP volunteer counselors are trained and certified to help you:

Understand and compare benefits

Assist with filing for benefits based on income and resources, and

Inform you of your rights.

If you need help with:

Medicare

Medicare Part D

Medicare Advantage Plans

Medigap

Long-term care insurance

Healthcare appeals or denials

Determining your eligibility for a low income subsidy.

**For Medicare counseling call your local VICAP office at 804-343-3014
or email vicap@youraaa.org**

Become a Volunteer Counselor and join the VICAP national network of programs to assist Virginia's Medicare beneficiaries. Share your skills and have a meaningful impact on Charles City County.

Call 804-343-3014 or email vicap@youraaa.org .

Medicare Fraud is Breaking the Bank



Join the fight against healthcare fraud!

1-800-938-8885 www.VirginiaSMP.org

Japanese Beetle Adults Emerge Across Charles City County

Compiled from several Extension publications

During the past two weeks Japanese beetle adults began their annual emergence from the soil in Charles City County. Their numbers will steadily increase through late June when peak numbers will result in damage to many trees, ornamental plants, and fruit and field crops. This beetle was first found in the United States in 1916, following its accidental introduction from its native country of Japan.

It is thought that grubs of this pest were introduced in pots of iris plants imported into the US prior to the initiation of federal plant and animal inspections in 1918.

Japanese beetle adults are approximately 3/8-inch in length, metallic green in color with bronze or copper colored wing covers. A key characteristic is the presence of twelve white tufts of hair or bristles located around the edges of the shell. Without magnification, these structures are seen as white dots. Japanese beetles can be con-

fused with adult green June bug, but are smaller in size. Adult beetles typically begin emerging from the soil in late May or early June, reach peak numbers in June into early July and then diminish during late July into August. This year the adult beetles have been slow to emerge due to cool and wet soil conditions earlier this spring. Emergence of Japanese beetle adults is about 1-2 weeks behind schedule.

Adults emerge, mate and feed for approximately 60 days. Feeding damage of adult Japanese beetle is often observed as a lace-like pattern of defoliation of host plant foliage as beetles avoid leaf veins when feeding. This is called skeletonizing. Beetles often gather high on host plants in full sunlight, exude strong odors that call other Japanese beetles and then feed in high numbers. In Charles City County adult beetles feed on several tree species, roses, fruit trees, grapes, vegetables, and field crops. The immature stage or white grub can reach pest status on many varieties of grass grown for

turf. Yards with high populations of grubs will have many large brown patches. Tassels and developing silks of corn can be severely damaged by adult feeding, whereas leaf feeding is common on soybeans. Feeding on corn silks can disrupt pollination and result in substantial yield losses. Foliage feeding on soybean is less damaging. This year late planted full season and double-crop soybean may sustain economic damage if beetle numbers are high. The grub stage of this pest will feed on plant roots of both corn and soybean with most feeding occurring after egg hatch in late June, July and early August. Damage to plant root hairs may result in poor uptake of water and nutrients or be more severe and cause reduced stands.

During the summer each beetle female typically lays 40 to 60 eggs in groups of 1

to 8 into the soil with larvae emerging in about 2 weeks. Larvae will feed on plant roots and decaying material before overwintering in the soil as a grub. The following spring larvae quickly finish development, pupate, and emerge as adult beetles to start the cycle again

Please call John Allison, Extension Agent, Charles City at 804-652-4743 for more information on this and other summer pests.



Grub



June Bug and a Japanese Beetle

**Mark Your
Calendar:
National Night Out
Tuesday,
August 4, 2015
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Courthouse Grounds**

Parks & Recreation

Check out what our youths are doing...



Take Me Out The Ball Game!!!!

BIG CONGRATULATIONS

GOES OUT TO THE CHARLES CITY YOUTH BASEBALL TEAM

This year we had a total of 73 kids that participated in the Charles City Baseball Team. The age groups varied between 4 years old-15 years old. Charles City Parks and Recreation would like to thank all the kids and parents who participated; we look forward to next year. A big shout goes to the 5 players who made the all star team Damian Barnes (6U), Julian LaPastora (8U), Justice Crawley (12U), Jordan Hayes (12U), and Victor Johnson Jr. (12U). All teams won their district games. The Rookie Team (8U) will be playing in the State Tournament, in Varina, Va., starting July 2nd - 5th, 2015. 12U will be playing in Chesapeake, Va., for the State Tournament, July 9th - 12th, 2015.



What a great way to start off the summer. Charles City Parks and Recreation will be hosting a summer camp, June 22nd-August 7th, 2015. Summer camp activities are not only fun in the sun but also educational opportunities for the kids. This year we will be travelling to Virginia Living Museum, Kings Dominion and Sky Zone. Franklin County Parks and Recreation will be hosting a fun day that we will be attending. We look forward to an exciting summer.

The Executive Mansion Request for County Tree Ornaments



The Executive Mansion has announced that the 2015 Holiday Tree theme is "Celebrating Virginia's Localities." They are asking every locality to submit a holiday ornament. Their objective is to highlight the localities by featuring handmade ornaments to decorate the large tree in the mansion's ballroom – the grand centerpiece of the holiday.

If you are artistic and want to participate in this project, please visit our web-site for details at www.co-charles-city.va.us or call Lesa Jones at (804) 652-4701. All ornament needs to mailed or delivered to the County Administrator's office no later than Friday, October 16th to allow enough time for the ornament to be judged and delivered to the Governor's Mansion by Monday, November 2nd.

Charles City County Rabies Clinic

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

8:30 A.M. TIL 11:30 A.M.

**Government School Board
Administration Building**

10900 Courthouse Road • Charles City, Va.

\$7.00 per animal



All Dogs and Cats four months or older must have a current rabies vaccination
(Shots will be administered by a licensed veterinarian)

Charles City County Fair

Saturday, September 12, 2015

10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.



Help make this event a success by participating.

Bring your family and friends out to a fun filled day.

More information coming soon.

Call (804) 652-4347 for more information.

They're going back!

Mark your calendar: September 8, 2015 is the first day back to school for Charles City County Public Schools.



4-H



What is 4-H?

Since I began working as your extension agent, 4-H Youth Programming, I have been able to meet many county citizens, with a consistent question being, "What is 4-H?" 4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

From 4-H.org:

Who We Are

4-H'ers across the nation are responding to challenges every day in their communities and their world.

As the youth development program of the Cooperative Extension System of land-grant universities, 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization, empowering six million young people throughout the United States. Cooperative Extension of 1862 and 1890 land-grant universities provide the leadership to engage young people in 4-H in all 3,007 counties of the United States. The impact of the Cooperative Extension partnership is profound, bringing together National Institute of Food and Agriculture of USDA, land grant universities and county government to resource learning opportunities for youth.

Through America's 110 land-grant universities and

its Cooperative Extension System, 4-H reaches every corner of our nation—from urban neighborhoods to suburban schoolyards to rural farming communities. With a network of more than 6 million youth, 611,800 volunteers, 3,500 professionals, and more than 25 million alumni, 4-H helps shape youth to move our country and the world forward in ways that no other youth organization can.

Proven Results

The Positive Development of Youth: Comprehensive Findings from the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development is the first-ever research project of its kind. The decade-long study, completed by a team of researchers at the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, Medford, MA, is influencing research and practice around the world.

The report shows that 4-H youth excel beyond their peers. 4-H'ers are about:

- Four times more likely to make contributions to their communities (Grades 7-12);
- Two times more likely to be civically active (Grades 8-12);
- Two times more likely to make healthier choices (Grade 7);
- Two times more likely to participate in Science, En-

gineering and Computer Technology programs during out-of-school time (Grades 10 - 12); and ◦4-H girls are two times more likely (Grade 10) and nearly three times more likely (Grade 12) to take part in science programs compared to girls in other out-of-school time activities.

Unparalleled Reach and Scope

With 611,800 volunteers, 3,500 professionals, and more than 25 million alumni, the 4-H movement supports young people from elementary school through high school with programs designed to shape future leaders and innovators. Fueled by research-driven programming, 4-H'ers engage in hands-on learning activities in the areas of science, citizenship and healthy living.

Leading by Example

The caring support of adult volunteers and mentors inspires young people in 4-H to work collaboratively, take the lead on their own projects and set and achieve goals with confidence. 4-H'ers chart their own course, explore important issues and define their place in the world. 4-H'ers stand up for themselves and their communities.

These pivotal experiences build a foundation of leadership and skills for suc-

cess in their future careers."

With all of that said, what is 4-H in our county? 4-H is growing, and the opportunities for youth development are limitless. Youth can attend 4-H Junior Summer Camp, Cloverbuds Camps, and Specialty camps at Jamestown 4-H Center, and as a senior 4-H'er (ages 14-19), 4-H State Congress held in Blacksburg on the Virginia Tech campus. Additionally, we are seeking to start three clubs in the schools, as well as a community teaching garden. To see some of what we have been doing recently, visit our website at <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/charles-city/programs/4h/index.html> and click on the 4-H Youth Programming link.

This is an exciting time for 4-H, and for our community! If you are interested in becoming a member of one of the clubs, or are a caring adult who would like to volunteer as a club leader/mentor, please contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension office for more details at 804-652-4743.

Carl Frick, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Programming

Summer Storms

Weather Awareness....



Tornadoes

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Every state is at some risk from this hazard. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

If a tornado strike will you be prepared? Check out your weather emergency kit to ensure it is stocked. Your kit should have - 3 days of food, 3 days of water, radio, phone, tablet, electronic chargers, batteries, needed medications, emergency info (doctor numbers, medications, list of allergies, health conditions), cash, home and vehicle insurance information (just in case). In addition to your emergency kit, you should always try to keep your car at least half full of gas. If the lights are out you may not be able to get gas.

Turn Around Don't Drown



Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters. People underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded. A mere **6 inches** of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just **12 inches** of rushing water to carry away a small car, while **2 feet** of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.



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Most Called

County Phone Numbers:

County Administrator Office
652-4701

Building Inspector Office
652-4727

Commissioner Of The Revenue
652-2161

Management Services:
652-4720

Parks & Recreation
652-1601

Planning Department
652-4707

Public Works
652-4730

Social Services
652-1708

Treasurer Office
652-4738

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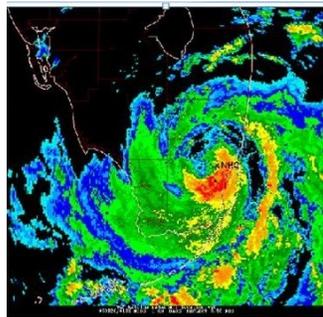


DMV MOBILE SERVICES
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
9 am - 4 pm
Charles City County Government
Administration Parking Lot

Come out and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to fulfill your DMV needs right here in our own community! If you have any questions,, please feel free to contact the Charles City Co. Treasurer’s Office at (804) 652-4738.

Central Virginia Disaster Survivor Day

On Saturday, June 13, 2015 the County served as a host site for the presentation of a Survivor Day Event. This program is made possible by the county’s participation with the Central Virgin-



Learn how to be prepared for disasters

ia Emergency Management Alliance, which is an association of counties and cities formed to foster improvements in emergency preparedness. Five topics were presented to 27 individuals in attendance that included Food & Water Safety, First Aid, Home Safety, ID Theft and Document Protection. The Red Cross, Virginia Department of Health, Emergency Training Systems, Charles City’s Sheriff Department and the County’s Building Official’s Office.

Back packs with an assortment of supplies, are dis-

tributed to each household that is represented. Approximately 180 back packs have been distributed at no cost to the attendees, during the five events that have been held to date. We extend an invitation to you to join us at the next event.