

ANNOUNCEMENTS COMPILED BY ANNE DALTON



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County jail's HARP program receives grant money

Chesterfield County has been awarded nearly \$1.2 million in federal grant money for the category-one comprehensive opioid, stimulant and substance abuse site-based program, Helping Addicts Recover Progressively. The grant is part of more than \$14 million awarded last week to local governments, state agencies and nonprofit organizations in the Eastern District of Virginia. According to Chesterfield County Sheriff Karl Leonard, the grant will be used to bolster the HARP program by strengthening the county's resources for those suffering from addiction. HARP is an intensive and demanding recovery program designed to address addiction of all substances utilizing numerous therapeutic, medical and educational approaches. For more information about Chesterfield's efforts to help those struggling with drug addiction in the county, visit chesterfield.gov/765/sheriffs-office and chesterfield.gov/4117/county-opioid-response.

Community

The 2nd Annual Chesterfield County Motorcycle Biker Rally to honor veterans will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 11. A full police escort, provided by the Chesterfield and Richmond police departments, will accompany the bikers as they ride from the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds to the Virginia War Memorial. Check-in takes place at 7:30 a.m.; bikers will depart at 9 a.m. Following the 11 a.m. Veterans Day ceremony, bikers will return to the fairgrounds for lunch. The cost of the event is \$20 and includes event patch, lunch, T-shirt and light refreshments. The event will take place rain or shine. Preregistration is recommended. For more information, contact Mark Pinney at pinneym@chesterfield.gov; to register, call 804-748-1623.

The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia is hosting a Veterans Day program on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 2

p.m. at 10111 Iron Bridge Road. The event is free and open to the public.



COURTESY OF METRO RICHMOND ZOO

A new gray wolf exhibit has opened at the Metro Richmond Zoo. The new exhibit, currently home to one male, named Voodoo, and one female, Nitka, is located in the North American section of the zoo near the alligators, elk and bison. The large

habitat is nestled in a forested and hilly area of the park, where visitors can view the wolves from an elevated boardwalk that wraps around the perimeter of the habitat. Construction on the exhibit started in early 2020. This is the third opening of a major exhibit this year following the new otter and sloth exhibits and the first time the zoo has housed gray wolves.

Kiddie Academy of Midlothian is hosting a coat drive through Nov. 11 to benefit Puritan Cleaners Coats for Kids. The Puritan team cleans and repairs the coats before delivering to the Salvation Army for distribution to Central Virginia's needy families. Coats may be dropped off at the lobby of Kiddie Academy at 6801 Woodlake Commons Loop.

Cornerstone Homes has broken ground on its fourth community in Chesterfield County. The Grove at Lucks Lane, a 55+ community, will feature 62 villa-style, low-maintenance homes in Midlothian. To date Cornerstone has sold 27 villa homes in a variety of floor plans built for today's active adults. The community will feature a pavilion with outdoor fireplace, grilling station and seating; Corner Patch Gardens, a professionally planted community garden; a Pup Park for pets; and trails and sidewalks throughout the 20-acre site.



RENDERING COURTESY OF CORNERSTONE HOMES

Community pavilion, pup park and corner patch gardens.

Government

Round three of the county's "Back in Business" grant program to help businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic will open Nov. 12. New criteria will make the grants available to a broader segment of Chesterfield's small businesses, including nonprofits. The new round will also allow for a larger range of businesses, based on annual gross revenues, to qualify and will be awarded on a sliding scale based on annual revenues. Under CARES Act guidelines, funds are meant to reimburse businesses for the costs of business interruption caused by required closures due to COVID-19. The grant

can be used for employee compensation (including wages and benefits), working capital, equipment inventory, rent and other business-critical operating expenses. Businesses that received a Chesterfield County BIB grant in rounds one or two or received a Childcare Provider Grant are not eligible. Additional details on the eligibility criteria, required documentation and the secure online application portal, as they become available, can be found at chesterfieldbib.com.

Chesterfield County has scheduled the following free COVID-19 testing events: Chesterfield Fairgrounds at the Vietnam Veterans Building, 10300 Courthouse Road, now through Friday, Nov. 6, from noon-1 p.m.; Faith and Family Center, 7900 Walmsley Road, Thursdays, Nov. 5, Nov. 12 and Nov. 19, 4-5 p.m.; Chesterfield Health Department Smith-Wagner Building Multi-Purpose Room, 9501 Lucy Corr Circle, Saturdays, Nov. 7, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Second Baptist Church, 5100 W. Hundred Road, Fridays, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, 10-11 a.m.; Mondays, Nov. 16, Nov. 23 and Nov. 30, 2-3 p.m.; Walmsley UMC, 2950 Walmsley Blvd., Wednesdays, Nov. 11, 4-5 p.m., Tuesdays, Nov. 17 and Nov. 24, 4-5 p.m.; and St. Augustine Catholic Church, 4400 Beulah Road, Wednesdays, Nov. 11 and Nov. 18, 11 a.m.-noon. No reservation is necessary. For more information, visit chesterfield.gov/coronavirus.

Education

John Tyler Community College will host an online Career Discovery series from Nov. 10-19. Attendees can explore their career interests, meet and talk to faculty, and learn about the college and its partnerships with area employers and four-year colleges and univer-

sities. In addition to career-field-specific sessions, there will also be sessions for those interested in transferring from Tyler to pursue a bachelor's degree and a session for those who are considering returning to school for a career change. Session topics include general studies and transfer, information technology, psychology, returning to school, criminal justice, business, nursing and EMS, and skilled trades. Career Discovery Sessions are free and open to all; those interested are welcome to attend as many sessions as they like. For more information, the session schedule and to sign up to attend, visit jtcc.edu/careerdiscovery.

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