



NGO Liaison Report
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Town Council Work Session
December 1, 2021

Alliance of Colonial Beach Community Organizations

- The town is reviewing the Special Events Permit for 2022. The Alliance contacted Bobby Duke, Director of Parks and Recreation, who has ensured us that NGOs will be included in the process.
- Alliance participants discussed a vendor recruitment product, which resulted in 2 outcomes: when adding events to Alliance Calendar, include a hyperlink to page where vendors can get information; and participants will work on a data base of vendors used in Colonial Beach.
- Earth Day is April 22nd, 2022. Beautification/Anti-Litter campaign in the works.
- New projects have been suggested including training for board members and volunteers; training in grant writing and organizational structure; ideas for Alliance management and sharing of resources on website.

James Monroe Birthplace Visitor Center

- The Birthplace is closed for season; private tours scheduled via Bucky Doerr at 804-224-0459. Accepting donations of artificial Christmas decorations. Volunteers needed to help decorate.

Colonial Beach Community Foundation

- Beautification Grants available. Tap into the \$23,000 raised during the Northern Neck Music Festival.
- Community Crises Fund established during COVID to support the local food pantries with gift cards.
- Ornament Fundraiser. Ordering information can be found on the Foundation's website.
- Monthly meet-ups continue on the third Thursday of every month. Great for Newcomers.
- WWER has formally left the Foundation's nest. WWER is a wonderful success story for the Foundation demonstrating how the Foundation can help new launch organizations in Town.
- Community Center Upgrades: Thanks to Mitzi Saffos and Lee Blunt (Mercantile & Karaoke Contest)

Colonial Beach Civic Groups

- **The Eagles #4315** Auxiliary Annual Christmas Bazaar: Saturday Dec 4 from 10-2. 20 members were remembered for their contributions at a Memorial ceremony for members lost during late 2019, 2020, and 2021. "RIP We will see you where Eagles fly!"
- **The VFW Post 10574** served Thanksgiving Dinner to local Veterans and their family members on Thanksgiving. Christmas social and dinner for vets and family members on December 17th.

The Museum at Colonial Beach

- The Museum at Colonial Beach is closed for the season. There is a new slate of officers that will be taking office in January, who are looking forward to what will hopefully be an excellent new year.

Colonial Beach Artists Guild

- The Colonial Beach Artists' Guild will be having their "Second Annual" Pop-up Market this year, an opportunity to buy locally created gifts for the Holidays. Location will be Jarrett Thor Gallery, 100 Taylor Street, open 2nd Friday December 10th 6 - 8 pm, then each Sat/Sun from 11-4 until Christmas.

- The December 10th 2nd Friday Art Walk line up (of 10 venues) can be found on the Art Guild FB page, NextDoor, and newspapers.

Downtown Colonial Beach

- Tues. Dec. 7th from 10-11: meeting with Katherine Miller of the VA Dept. of Housing and Community Development to follow up with a design discussion from Nov 15th. Email Jeff Crook at jcrook@downtowncolonialbeach.org if you would like the invite. To view the original session held on Nov. 15th, you can watch the recording here: <https://vadhcd.adobeconnect.com/przp1bk23lcq/>.
- The Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) will move forward after Virginia Commonwealth University completes a market analysis of Colonial Beach.
- The Department of Historical Resources (DHR) is still planning for a multi-phase surveying and further historic district nomination including: reconnaissance survey (from street) of 200 buildings between Colonial and 12th Street; Watermen-specific sites; and The Point--tentatively scheduled for 2022, with possible nomination of a Residential Historic District on The Point in 2023

Guadalupe Free Clinic

- The November clothing drive was a huge success. The Clinic will be organizing another one in April 2022. The final COVID Clinic (booster) will be held at the Colonial Beach Community Center next Saturday the 11th from 9:00-11:00.
- We need Spanish speaking volunteers to interpret at the Clinic on Wednesdays from 9:00 -2:00 pm. Please contact Beth Collins at bcollins@guadalupefreeclinic.org.

Colonial Beach Chamber of Commerce

- Santa's Wonderland and Winterfest will take place Saturday, December 4th. Craft activities, carolers will be strolling Town Hill and a volunteer band will be on the stage. The parade will arrive at NOON
- Christmas trees are almost sold out. Santa's Wonderland and Winter Festival needs bakers. Donate 4 or more bags of sweets (cookies, fudge, sweet bread, caramel popcorn, other). Bags should contain 4 sweets per bag. Please have them ready by Friday afternoon no later than 5pm. Sweets can be dropped off (porch) at 215 Marshall Avenue or call Patti Hansley at 804-761-7836 for meet up or pick up (locally please).
- The Economic Development Committee is focused on recruiting new businesses, working with the VCU team implementing the survey suggestions, and attending VEDA sponsored workshops.

CB Kids

- Drive-Thru Kids Christmas at Custom T's Motorsports Park on December 11th from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. In preparation, Sher will be at Custom T's on December 10th at 2:00 pm and could use your help hanging lights. She also needs help with stuffing stockings. Please contact Sher Lee at (540) 207-6659 for more information.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

- Sponsoring an Angel Tree to provide Christmas gifts for children in need. The church would be greatly appreciative of any donations. Please contact St. Mary's Episcopal Church at (804) 224-7186 for more information.