

# THE GOVERNOR'S LAND

*At Two Rivers*



## GET TO KNOW WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Governor's Land at Two Rivers balances the pleasures of coastal living with the ever-growing conveniences of living in Williamsburg. Situated between Richmond and Virginia Beach – with Colonial Williamsburg, historic Jamestown and Yorktown, and the College of William & Mary nearby – Governor's Land provides an ideal setting for cultural pursuits, continuing education, unique shopping, exceptional dining and a variety of volunteerism.

Get involved in adult courses at William & Mary, volunteer to work with students at The Mason School of Business, join community organizations associated with Colonial Williamsburg, Historic Jamestown and Yorktown, and much more. You can also take advantage of the many restaurants and shops in New Town. For the more adventurous, experience a record-breaking roller coaster at Busch Gardens.

## LOCAL AREAS OF INTEREST AND ATTRACTIONS

- Colonial Williamsburg
- Historic Triangle (Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg)
- James City County Parks & Recreation
- Greater Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce
- Williamsburg Regional Library
- Busch Gardens
- Water Country USA
- The College of William & Mary
- The Premium Outlet Mall with more than 200 name brand stores
- New Town & High street Shopping and Dining
- Merchants Square at Colonial Williamsburg
- The Ferguson Center of the Performing Arts
- Yorktown Battlefield
- Virginia Beach



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## **WILLIAMSBURG – A TOP PLACE TO RETIRE, RAISE A FAMILY OR OWN A BUSINESS**

Whether exploring the idea of retiring to Williamsburg or raising a family here, people from around the country look kindly on our community. The area offers charm, sophistication, culture, green space, top-notch healthcare and history.

Virginia Business magazine has described Williamsburg as a “retirement mecca.” Money magazine identified Williamsburg as one of the top five US cities for retirement.

Virginia has consistently been ranked the Best State for Business by Forbes.com. CNBC has also ranked Virginia as the top State for Business.

Furthermore, our state is in the Top 10 for economic factors such as cost of doing business, strong economy, education levels of workforce, business friendliness, transportation and infrastructure, quality of life and regulatory environment.

## **A COMMUNITY THAT VALUES EDUCATION**

Excellent schools and colleges that maintain high standards are essential to the development of our children, our own continuing education and also for ensuring the value of our homes. Williamsburg, Virginia offers both public and private schools that consistently rank higher than the state and federal averages.

### **Public Primary and Secondary Schools.**

The Williamsburg James City (WJC) School District is responsible for primary and secondary public education. Students in all grades have access to district-provided transportation.

Governor's Land youngsters in grades K-5 attend Matoaka Elementary School just 2.4 miles from the entrance to our community. Hornsby Middle School educates our children in grades 6-8, and Jamestown High School offers grades 9-12.

Ranked #24 of Virginia high schools by US News and World Report in 2016, Jamestown High School provides a comprehensive curriculum in 14 academic and vocational subject areas for 1,100 students with 19 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. The high school offers complete athletic, art and service activities.

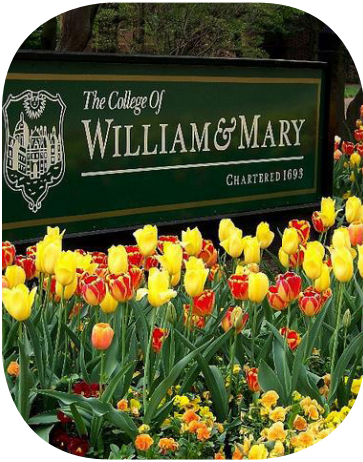
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In addition to excellent public schools, the Williamsburg area has several highly respected private schools such as Walsingham Academy, Williamsburg Christian Academy and Hampton Roads Academy, to name a few.



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## **Higher Education.**

Central to Williamsburg is the College of William and Mary, a state university with a national and international reputation for academic excellence. Founded in 1693, William and Mary is the second oldest educational institution in the nation. Also nearby are Christopher Newport University and Thomas Nelson Community College.

## **Continuing Education.**

Williamsburg is a very active adult community that values education and the pursuit of knowledge. The Christopher Wren Association (CWA) is the envy of other communities. On the College of William and Mary campus, the CWA brings together an accomplished group of people with a variety of backgrounds. This group of college faculty, the membership and the broader community teach a curriculum that is designed by the members. Classes range from the music appreciation of The Swing Era to personal computing skills in Advanced Microsoft Word.

## **COMPREHENSIVE AND MODERN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

Williamsburg offers numerous excellent healthcare options. Within the immediate area are countless healthcare providers covering family medicine, dentistry and most medical specialties.

### **Sentara Regional Medical Center**

The 139-bed Sentara Regional Medical Center features the latest healthcare technologies, and serves the region with the life-saving capabilities of an ultra-modern medical center. Completed in 2006, Sentara is located 10 miles from the entrance to Governor's Land and offers comprehensive inpatient, outpatient and emergency care. Sentara also maintains an Urgent Care Center in New Town.

### **The Riverside Health System**

Serving much of eastern Virginia, Riverside facilities include hospitals, physician offices, outpatient centers, long-term care facilities, retirement communities and other services. The Riverside Medical Arts facility is located off John Tyler Highway just six miles from Governor's Land and provides a wide range of outpatient specialties. Riverside Doctor's Hospital Williamsburg is set on 25 beautiful acres and offers state-of-the-art care, comfort and convenience.



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## **Supporting Emergency Medical Services**

James City County Fire Station #5, which includes an emergency medical response ambulance, is located just 1.1 miles away. The station, like all County stations, is staffed by three shifts of firefighters and medical technicians. The station also houses a Tech unit capable of responding to natural and man-made disasters.

## **Nearby Assisted Care**

For those who wish to keep aging family members close by, the Williamsburg community has several retirement and assisted living centers within an easy drive of Governor's Land. In addition, Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg offers non-medical assistance for individuals who are living with a life threatening illness and for those who love them. Care is offered in the patient's home or in Hospice House, which offers guest rooms, a kitchen, family room and sun room, all surrounded by gardens and woods.

## **A MODERATE CLIMATE WITH FOUR SEASONS**

The Virginia Peninsula boasts a temperate, sunny, four-season climate with a short winter. According to the National Weather Service, normal winter (late December through February) temperatures range from the low 30s to the low 50s, and normal summer (mid-June through August) temperatures range from the low 70s to the high 80s. Temperatures exceed 100° F less than one day per year on average, and the thermometer has fallen below 0° F only once since 1871.

## **A CULTURALLY ENRICHED COMMUNITY**

Whether your interests are in the visual arts, performing arts or the culinary arts you will enjoy the wealth of enriching experiences available. Here are just a few:

### **Chrysler Museum of Art**

Between Williamsburg and Norfolk, this world-renown art museum offers over 60 galleries, a theatre and outdoor gardens. The galleries house a distinguished permanent collection, as well as present up to five changing exhibitions each year. The impressive permanent collection contains a comprehensive representation of European and American paintings and sculptures, Art Nouveau furniture and an extraordinary glass collection along with other many art forms.

### **DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum**

Within the grounds of Colonial Williamsburg is the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum where exquisitely presented collections of English and American furniture, textiles, prints, silver, and ceramics are displayed ranging from the 17th to the early 19th century.



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## **Ferguson Center for the Arts**

Just 40 minutes away and located on the campus of Christopher Newport University, this \$55 million, 300,000-square-foot acoustically superb venue boasts a 1,700-seat Concert Hall theater, a 500-seat Music & Theatre Hall, and a 200-seat Studio Theatre. Opened in 2005, this world-class facility provides a focus for the arts on the Virginia peninsula. Events include national headliners, plays, dance, local and national symphony performances and the Ella Fitzgerald Jazz Festival each year.

## **Hampton Coliseum**

Large scale entertainment events such as national headliner concerts and even circus performances are held at the nearby Hampton Coliseum. In addition to the virtually endless list of performances, the Hampton Jazz Festival is held here each year.

## **Kimball Theatre**

Located in the heart of Merchants Square in Williamsburg, the Kimball Theatre offers live performances as well as current film screenings. In cooperation with the College of William & Mary, Colonial Williamsburg and community organizations, the Kimball Theatre stages a broad spectrum of performances ranging from historical interpretations by actors from Colonial Williamsburg to contemporary rock music concerts.

## **Muscarella Museum of Art**

Situated on the campus of William & Mary, the Muscarella Museum of Art offers displays of the University's permanent collection and hosts a number of changing exhibitions each year. In recent years, this museum has attracted both national and international attention in the art community with featured exhibits on Leonardo Da Vinci and Boticelli.

## **Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall**

On the campus of William & Mary, The Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall artfully stages productions throughout the year. This venue offers multiple stages including the Mainstage Theatre, the Studio Theatre and the Laboratory Theatre making possible a variety of dance, music and plays to be performed..



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## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Residents of the Williamsburg area and Governor's Land are enthusiastic volunteers. With hundreds of educational, social service, religious and environmental groups at work in our community, matching your interest to a specific need is easy.

### **Sharing Knowledge and Experience**

For current and former business executives residing in Governor's Land, the College of William & Mary's MBA mentoring program offers a way to share their extensive experience to future business leaders. Other residents mentor public school students who are "at-risk" due to family difficulties or academic failure. Still others volunteer their time at the Rita Welsh Adult Literacy Program at William & Mary, providing one-to-one tutoring in basic reading, math, GED preparation, and English as a second language to adults in the Greater Williamsburg area.

### **Aiding Medical Services**

Area healthcare facilities welcome volunteers of all ages. The Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center volunteer team is comprised of adults, college students, and junior volunteers over the age of 14. Volunteer opportunities are available at both on-site and off-site hospital locations.

At the local Hospice there are over 60 patient/family volunteers who work directly with patients and caregivers and over 90 others form a Hospice Guild. These volunteers do everything from gardening and maintenance around Hospice House and delivering equipment to needy families to office assistance and cooking for patients in their homes or at Hospice House.

Olde Towne Medical Center seeks medical and non-medical volunteers. The Center is a public-private, nonprofit, 501(c)3 facility that provides quality, cost-effective, coordinated and preventive primary health care to clients, regardless of ability to pay. There are also local branches of the Red Cross, American Cancer Society, and other medical and research arms.

### **Assisting Social Services**

Service and religious organizations in our community offer a myriad of outreach and mission projects. Volunteer help for low-income or infirm people is provided through organizations such as FISH (food and clothing bank), Meals on Wheels, and AARP tax preparation. The CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) provides help for youth from troubled families, while the Avalon home for battered women offers volunteer opportunities supporting their helpline, life skills education, childcare, transportation, office support, property repair and maintenance efforts.



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## **Supporting Cultural and Historic Venues**

The Historic Triangle, encompassing Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown offers a range of volunteering opportunities for individuals interested in history. On any given day, volunteers from Governor's Land can be seen greeting and directing museum guests, supporting costumed interpreters, assisting in the gift shops, conducting school tours and generally providing added support as required. At Jamestown Settlement, volunteers even support the professional sailing staff by maintaining and crewing on replicas of Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery.

Local museums and theaters provide an opportunity for volunteers interested in the arts. Here in Williamsburg, we are fortunate to have a marvelous resource in the form of the Muscarelle Museum of Art located on the William & Mary campus. In close proximity, the Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall and Kimball Theatre present opportunities to become involved in the art community.

## **Protecting the Environmental**

The Williamsburg Land Conservancy is dedicated to preserving significant natural, scenic, agricultural and historic land in the Historic Triangle.

## **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**

Within our immediate community, a network of volunteers provides timely assistance - from one neighbor to another. All new residents are greeted and given helpful information to acquaint them to the area and introduce them to others in the community with similar interests. Should a neighbor require added assistance after the birth of a baby or while recovering from an illness, a representative will match just the right resources to assist as needed. Governor's Land is truly a community of caring neighbors.

Whatever your interest, the Williamsburg area offers ample opportunity to serve. Williamsburg, Virginia, is a convenient access point to the world.

