



FORD'S COLONY FACTS

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Nationally recognized as an award winning premier planned community, Ford's Colony was...

- Named to the **National Community Association Hall of Fame** by the Community Association Institute.
- Voted **Number One Master Plan in the Continental U.S.** by the American Resort Development Assn.
- Named Community Association of the Year (2014, 2018) by the Community Association Institute's Central Va. Chapter

Formed in 1985 under developer control, it is now self-governed through a seven person elected Homeowners Association Board of Directors assisted by over 200 Ford's Colony resident volunteers serving on 13 standing committees and associated support services committees. A Management Agent company with employed staff handles daily operations.

Ford's Colony consists of 3,200 acres with 2,641 single family homes, 80 townhouses and 24 condo units and about 391 privately owned undeveloped lots/units. In 2018, there were 36 new homes approved for construction. 145 homes sold in 2018, including 137 single-family, 4 townhomes, and 4 condominiums. Based upon information from local realtors, the average sales price for single-family homes sold in 2018 was \$512,800. List prices ranged from \$270,000 for a smaller townhouse unit to \$1.5 million for a single-family residence.

Facilities Provided for Residents:

- Two (2) swimming pools with clubhouses.
- Tennis courts
- Pickleball courts
- Exercise studio
- Community service building
- 14 miles of walking trails (paved and natural)

A Multigenerational Community

Ford's Colony has over 5,600 residents including working professionals in business, government, education, healthcare and the military; semi-retired professionals; and retirees.

There are approximately 550 school-aged children residing in Ford's Colony attending K-12 public schools and several private schools based on 2018 enrollment. This number does not include Ford's Colony college-age residents attending William & Mary, Thomas Nelson Community College or other local colleges. A quarter of the 180 households moving into Ford's Colony in 2015 had children under age 19.

Ford's Colony Civic Volunteers Providing Significant Value to JCC/Williamsburg

Ford's Colony residents are highly engaged civic volunteers participating in a wide range of organizations benefitting James City County and the greater Williamsburg area. The following list provides some of the volunteer opportunities in which Ford's Colony residents participate:

- **Service organizations** - James City Lions Club, Kiwanis, Rotary, League of Women Voters, Women's Club, DAR, and SAR.

- **Education** - Literacy for Life instructors; Volunteers for Education who serve an average of 10 hours a week as mentors in the public schools; William & Mary Mason School of Business Executive Partners; and The College of William & Mary sponsored Christopher Wren Association for Lifelong Learning that provides educational programs for retirees.
- **Health care services** - local hospitals, Olde Towne Medical & Dental Center (OTMDC) and the Lackey Clinic. Ford's Colony residents have generously donated to OTMDC which allows medical care for low-income patients. Residents have also generously supported breast cancer research and other meaningful local health care causes.
- **S.C.O.R.E. (Senior Core of Retired Executives)** provide business guidance to local entrepreneurs and business start-ups.
- **AARP's Tax Aide program and the VITA (Voluntary Income Tax Assistance):** provides area seniors and lower income families free tax preparation assistance.
- **Master Gardeners Program:** Participants volunteer 30 - 70 hours a year on various educational and community landscape maintenance projects in the JCC/Williamsburg area.
- **Historic Triangle Tourist Operations:** Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown historic areas.
- **F.I.S.H., Faith in Action, and Meals On Wheels:** Church related charities and other non-profit organizations.

An Award-Winning Leader in Conservation and Storm Water Management

Ford's Colony is the recipient of numerous national, state and local conservation awards for preserving the natural beauty, environment and resources throughout its gated community.

- **First Place in Virginia and National Finalist, "Take Pride in America"** for outstanding effort on behalf of America's public lands and natural and cultural resources. Awarded by the U.S. Department of Interior and the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- **Commendation for the Preservation of Endangered Plants and Species** awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Certificate of Excellence for conserving America's natural and cultural resources** awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- **Successive Merit Awards for advocating the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources** from the Soil and Water Conservation Society and Commonwealth of Virginia Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District.
- **Commendation for preserving our historical resources** by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.
- **Community Beautification Award** from the Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs.
- **2018 Clean Business Award** (Management Agent) from James City County

Located within the Powhatan Creek Watershed, Ford's Colony has 46 retention ponds to assist with storm water management. The HOA maintains 13 ponds as common area with ClubCorp-owned Ford's Colony Country Club maintaining the remainder. These retention ponds are also considered best practices in water conservation since they capture excess rainwater that is then used instead of public water to maintain Ford's Colony Homeowners Association common area landscape and the Country Club's 3 golf courses.

Ford's Colony Security and Emergency Response Team Expanding Local Resources

Ford's Colony is accessed through 9 gated entrances of which 2 are staffed. Residents use a RFID entry system and can provide their guest with remote passes using "DwellingLIVE" guest entry system.

Ford's Colony's Security Department's 22 members are trained in first-aid and its patrol unit receives certification as "Special Conservators of the Peace". They work closely with and supplement the JCC police and fire departments. In addition to patrolling the 50 miles of FCHOA maintained roads to help enforce traffic regulations,

in 2018 the FC Security team completed 26,473 house checks and provided 488 medical assists. 298,000 vehicles were admitted as contractors and guests.

The James City County trained **Ford's Colony Community Emergency Response Team** (CERT) has been in place since 2004. The team of more than 20 resident volunteers works to help the Ford's Colony community and its residents prepare for, respond to and cope with the aftermath of natural disasters when local first responders who provide fire, rescue and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services.

Other Points of Interest

- The 200-unit Marriott Manor Club in Ford's Colony brings an average of 12,000 visitors to the Williamsburg area annually helping boost tourism revenue for James City County and the greater Williamsburg community.
- The Ford's Colony Country Club, which is now owned and operated by ClubCorp, is part of ClubCorp's O.N.E. nationwide network of more than 300 owned, operated and alliance clubs. As a result, FCCC with its three 18-hole golf courses, has experienced an increase in O.N.E. member diners and golfers from outside this area, which contributes to the local economy. The Country Club offers different levels of memberships to accommodate areas of interest and budgets. Membership for residents of Ford's Colony is optional.