

Meet Councilman David Williams

Councilman David Williams grew up in a small waterfront town similar to the Town of Colonial Beach, Virginia (CBVA) with beaches, marinas and seasonal businesses. After his daughter left for college, David and his wife Paige felt it was time to look for a new home.

“We came to Colonial Beach, fell in love, and within days were looking at houses,” recalls the councilman. “During our first visit to Colonial Beach as a family, we met the mayor and vice mayor, at the time, which is something that would never happen in a big city.”

Councilman Williams is passionate about our Town and making it a place where all residents can be heard and feel proud. This is why David has spent numerous hours serving his community as a council member. He has spent many hours advocating for the residents in and out of town meetings. “I wanted the capability to voice residents’ concerns, because many have opinions, but are unable to attend meetings or choose not to get involved because they don’t feel anyone will listen,” expressed Councilman Williams.

Williams currently serves as Public Works Liaison. One of his goals as a member of council is to foster a better relationship between Town Council (TC) and the community. He elicits feedback from residents regularly to understand what has been done right and mistakes that may have been made. David estimates he has talked to hundreds of people in town to hear their stories and their visions for the Town’s future. The councilman says many residents would like to see our infrastructure improved as well as more business and medical care in Town.

Councilman and Mrs. Williams started attending TC meetings in 2019 to learn more about the community and the issues that affect it. After attending every council meeting for over a year, David was asked to run for council by friends and family. He was honored when CBVA residents elected him and assures that he does not take his position lightly.

Presently employed as a supervisor for a large government agency Mr. Williams’ team coordinates financial activities throughout the country. His work providing financial disaster assistance takes him all over the country and he has seen firsthand the devastation that natural disasters--like those that Colonial Beach has experienced--can cause.

“There is not enough staff to cover the entire country during a big disaster, so volunteers go out,” explains Mr. Williams. “I went to Brooklyn, New York City, during Hurricane Sandy for six weeks during the holidays, knocking on doors of churches, businesses, schools, and residences to report critical information back and see if people needed assistance. In talking to local residents, you get an understanding and appreciation of what the survivors have gone through.”

“Colonial Beach residents are nice, hardworking and care about their community. I have connected with new residents as well as people I’ve met who have been here their whole lives,” says David. “Change isn’t bad, but it has to be in the right direction. Together we have the potential to make the Town thrive.”