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Liberty Ice Pavilion presented by Dominion Energy Opens Nov. 20 in Colonial Williamsburg's Merchants Square



WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Nov. 17, 2020) – Family-friendly seasonal fun kicks off Nov. 20 at Liberty Ice Pavilion Presented by Dominion Energy, returning to historic Duke of Gloucester Street in Colonial Williamsburg's Merchants Square.

"We always look forward to the warmth and festivity of the holiday season, especially this year," said Jeff Duncan, Colonial Williamsburg vice president of real estate. "We invite our neighbors and guests to enjoy the unique shopping and dining of Merchants Square, and also lace up for the magic of a skate, offered in partnership with our friends at Dominion."

This is the sixth season the ice-skating venue has been sponsored by the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation with a generous grant of \$100,000.

"Liberty Ice Pavilion has become a welcomed fixture of the holiday season in Williamsburg for residents and visitors alike," said Hunter A. Applewhite, president of the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation. "We're honored to continue sponsoring this festive, family-friendly venue."

This season the Colonial Williamsburg Resorts offer the Glide Into Winter package including an overnight stay at the Williamsburg Inn, Williamsburg Lodge, a Colonial House or the Griffin Hotel, two single-day Liberty Ice Pavilion passes, two Complimentary Skate Rentals and a \$10 food and beverage credit good for items at Liberty Ice Pavilion's Snack Bar.

Complimentary outdoor seating on Duke of Gloucester Street, provided by the City of Williamsburg in partnership with Merchants Square, remains available this fall and winter, with plans for placement of portable heaters in outdoor seating areas.

Liberty Ice Pavilion is open through Feb. 15 noon-8 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays as well as Christmas and Presidents Day; noon-10 p.m. Fridays and Valentine's Day; and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.

Single-day passes are \$14 and \$12 for ages 3-12. A Season Skate Pass is \$105 and \$90 for ages 3-12. Skate rental and skate sharpening are \$5. Snack Bar selections include hot mulled cider, coffee, AMERICAN HERITAGE® hot chocolate, hot dogs, tavern chili, cookies, and Raleigh Tavern ginger cakes.

Tickets and additional information about Liberty Ice Pavilion is available by visiting <u>colonialwilliamsburg.org/skate</u>. Additional information about the Glide into Winter package, and reservations, are available by visiting <u>colonialwilliamsburghotels.com</u> or by calling 855-392-3538 toll-free.

The health and safety of our guests and staff is our highest priority, and this season's plans for Liberty Ice Pavilion fully comply with state COVID-19 guidelines for entertainment and public amusements, which currently require a 30 percent occupancy limit, use of face coverings by all participating guests and 10 feet of distancing between participating guests who are not members of the same household.

Face coverings are required while inside Foundation-owned buildings and their use is encouraged outdoors as well. Guests are also asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines during their visit to Colonial Williamsburg sites, when walking along Duke of Gloucester Street and in other publicly accessible areas. <u>Colonialwilliamsburg.org</u>lists additional guest comfort and safety guidelines to provide the safest experience for guests, the general public and Colonial Williamsburg's staff.

All Colonial Williamsburg employees have received special safety training prior to limit the risk of spread or infection. The training includes general and site-specific safety requirements such as basic sanitization procedures, use of face coverings where appropriate, and social distancing requirements to follow with colleagues and guests. Signs posted throughout the Historic Area, Art Museums and sites including Liberty Ice Pavilion will remind guests of safety precautions to protect themselves and others from risks associated with COVID-19 exposure.

Information on Colonial Williamsburg operations are available online at <u>colonialwilliamsburg.org/update</u> and by following <u>Colonial Williamsburg</u> on Facebook.

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About Merchants Square

Located adjacent to Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area, Merchants Square is an 18th-century style retail village with over 40 shops and restaurants. Visitors and local residents alike regularly experience the Square's unique shopping, dining and special events offerings in a setting of unrivaled beauty.

About Colonial Williamsburg

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia's 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 600 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, including the Forbes 5-star Williamsburg Inn, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.

About the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation

More than 7 million customers in 16 states energize their homes and businesses with electricity or natural gas from Dominion Energy (NYSE: D). Through its <u>Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation</u>, as well as <u>EnergyShare</u> and other programs, Dominion Energy contributed over \$48 million in 2019 to community causes. The Foundation supports nonprofit causes that meet basic human needs, protect the environment, promote education, and encourage community vitality. Please visit <u>www.DominionEnergy.com</u> to learn more.

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