

The Christiansburg Connection

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AT YOUR SERVICE

Eddie Smith

Eddie has served the Town for 35 years in the Public Works Department.

What is your favorite part of your job?

I enjoy all aspects of my job, from answering questions from citizens to working with other departments within the town.

Do you have a favorite Town moment?

There are so many to choose from since I first came to work for the Town! The one thing I remember the most was when we went from pencil and paper to handheld water meter reading. That was especially memorable because of all the research and hands on work we went through to find the right system. It was a really great experience!

This section is a rotating feature highlighting the service of Town employees as well as messages from the Mayor.

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

- January 13, 2015 at 7 p.m.
- January 27, 2015 at 7 p.m.
- February 10, 2015 at 7 p.m.
- February 24, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Town Council will meet in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 100 East Main Street.

Never miss a meeting! Sign up for meeting notifications at www.christiansburg.org/notifyme.

Upcoming Closings:

- Lee-Jackson Day - Friday, January 16
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, Jan. 19
- Presidents' Day - Monday, February 16

For more meetings and events, please visit www.christiansburg.org

The new year brings new beginnings, and with it our inaugural edition of 'The Christiansburg Connection.'

Learn more about upcoming meetings, events and find in-depth information about Town departments and initiatives.

Be sure to look for a new edition in each utility bill!

Now Accepting: Corrugated Cardboard!

Corrugated cardboard is now accepted at not one, but three of the Town's recycling locations!



- Food Lion parking lot at 1530 Roanoke St.
- Home Depot parking lot in Spradlin Farms
- Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 North Franklin Street

For more recycling information, please visit www.christiansburg.org/recycling.

Won't You Be Our Neighbor?

The Town wants to know what you want in your neighborhood!

Is there something you would like to see in your neighborhood? What about something you think could be improved? We want to hear about it!

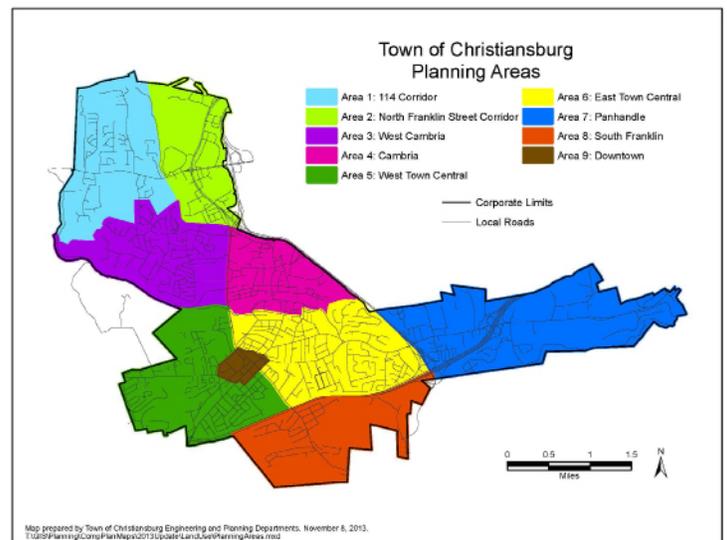
The Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee is currently in the process of creating neighborhood plans throughout Christiansburg. Neighborhood plans are tailored to specifically address issues in individual neighborhoods while maintaining consistency with the broader Comprehensive Plan.

While goals are set forth in the larger Comprehensive Plan, projects and needs are determined by each neighborhood plan. With your help, we can identify specific objectives to guide your neighborhood's future.

Would you like to see more sidewalks?

Do you think your neighborhood park needs an update?

Are you interested in preserving your neighborhood's historic charm?



See NEIGHBOR(on back)

Frequently Asked... What causes water breaks?

You may have noticed that at some times throughout the year, water breaks appear to be more common.

This is quite normal. As the seasons change, the ground shifts as temperatures fluctuate. This causes items in the ground to shift as well, which may result in water breaks. For this reason, you may notice more water breaks occur in the fall and spring.

Another factor that may lead to water breaks is the aging of infrastructure. For this reason, the Town continually works to identify areas that may need improvements so that service always remains top quality.

To report a water break during normal business hours, please call Public Works at (540) 382-1151.

If you need to report a break after business hours, please call the Police Department non-emergency line at (540) 382-3131.



Don't Forget!

There will be no trash collection on the following dates:

Friday, January 16 - Lee-Jackson Day
(Tuesday pickup)

Monday, January 19- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
(Wednesday pickup)

Monday, February 16 - Presidents Day
(Tuesday pickup)

Please remember to place your garbage out for collection no later than 8 a.m.

Have questions about garbage collection? Please call (540) 382-1151.

NEIGHBOR (from front)

By determining priorities for each neighborhood and its residents, the Town can then set and work towards these goals. In addition, targeting improvements in each neighborhood will help direct staff to seek out potential funding sources, such as grants or state funds.

A Neighborhood Planning Open House for the East Town Central district was held in November. Residents provided comments, questions and concerns in an effort to improve their neighborhood.

A Neighborhood Planning Input Meeting for ALL neighborhoods will be held for residents on March 19, 2015 from 3-7 p.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. These meetings are a great opportunity to share ideas and also find out what's currently planned for your neighborhood and learn about improvements that may be coming your way.

To submit suggestions, ask questions or find more information about neighborhood planning, please contact the Planning Department at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1120 or compplan@christiansburg.org.

Find out more about Town events and news by following us on Facebook and Twitter or visiting www.christiansburg.org.

Check It Out!

The Cemetery Advisory Committee presented the Sunset Cemetery Master Plan to Town Council in November.

Town Council approved the plan in December. For more information, or to view the master plan, please visit www.christiansburg.org/cemetery.

Snapshot! *Town photos of recent events*



Santa visited the Recreation Center and made a few phone calls to kids on the 'Nice' list this year! Didn't hear from Santa? Be sure to keep up with Recreation Center programming in 2015 to make sure you're on the list for next year!

Have questions? Let us know!
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