

# The Christiansburg Connection



## AT YOUR SERVICE: Teresa Carroll

Teresa Carroll is a Police Secretary for the Christiansburg Police Department. Her job duties include submitting officer reports to the state, archival work, notary functions and some crime analysis.

### How long have you worked for the Town of Christiansburg?

I have worked for the Town for thirteen years. I actually started working for the Town in the Treasurer's office.

### What is your favorite part of your job?

I love the variety of work I get to do. I really enjoy having the opportunity to do so many different things throughout my work day.

### What are some of your favorite places in Christiansburg?

Some of my favorite places are the Huckleberry Trail, Aquatic Center and Recreation Center. I think these places provide great services and opportunities for the town. I also love all the little parks around town.

### What do you hope to see in Christiansburg's future?

I would love to see further expansion of the Huckleberry Trail and how the Farmers' Market takes off.

Read the complete interview at [www.christiansburg.org/connection](http://www.christiansburg.org/connection)

## Upcoming Meetings & Closures:

### Town Council Meetings

Town Hall, 100 East Main Street

Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28 at 7 p.m.

Never miss a meeting! Sign up for meeting notifications at [www.christiansburg.org/notifyme](http://www.christiansburg.org/notifyme)

### Memorial Day Holiday - Monday, May 30

Town Hall Closed

Aquatic Center Closed

Recreation Center Closed

(Monday's garbage collected with Tuesday's pickup)

### July 4 Holiday - Monday, July 4

Town Hall Closed

Aquatic Center Closed

Recreation Center open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(Monday's garbage collected with Tuesday's pickup)

## In The Know

May marks the official beginning of monthly utility billing. Please note that **second notices will no longer be sent out separate from your utility bill.** Instead, any balance owed on your previous bill will appear on your current monthly utility bill.

Don't forget that May also marks National Public Works Week, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, and National Water Safety Month! Mountains of Music Homecoming is back for a second year this June, with a number of great events in Christiansburg and neighboring communities, including a performance by Seldom Scene in downtown Christiansburg on June 18! Check out [www.mtnsofmusic.com](http://www.mtnsofmusic.com) for more details.

Last, but not least, mark your calendars for the July 4 Celebration in downtown Christiansburg on Monday, July 4. Enjoy food and craft vendors downtown from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. before heading to the Christiansburg High School football field for fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Visit [www.christiansburg.org/recreation](http://www.christiansburg.org/recreation) for more information.

## Watch Out for that Water Meter!

Be sure to take extra care when mowing around water meters. Some lawn mowers may pick up the new meter lids and damage the mowers.

Public Works (and Town Manager Barry Helms) took part in the 2016 Public Works Rodeo in Roanoke on April 13. Christiansburg brought back 3 first place and 3 third place finishes.



## Planning Ahead: Urban Development Areas

In 2015, the Town of Christiansburg received a \$65,000 planning grant through the Commonwealth of Virginia's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) to identify and designate areas of town that may be appropriate for higher density development, otherwise known as urban development.

This Urban Development Area (UDA) grant is intended to analyze future growth patterns of the town and create a process for public involvement so that residents may play a part in shaping their future community.

Town staff and the Planning Commission are currently working with two consulting firms, Michael Baker International and Renaissance Planning Group, to develop a report that will provide guidance on future growth.

As a result of the UDA grant process, amendments to the Comprehensive Plan will be pursued to designate, modify, or adapt at least one area as an urban development area. This designation would accommodate and support mixed use developments (housing/business uses).

The identification of these growth areas will allow the Town to stay competitive when applying for future state transportation funding.

In addition, another outcome may be to move forward with zoning ordinance amendments that would allow for future development following principles of traditional neighborhood design. For instance, this may include pedestrian-friendly road design, interconnected streets, connecting roads and pedestrian networks, natural area preservation, as well as mixed-use neighborhoods and housing types.

Please be sure to follow the Town's website for opportunities to share your thoughts on this process. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the UDA grant, please contact the Planning Department at (540) 382-6120.

## Frequently Asked...

### What's going on at Sunset Cemetery?

Have you noticed the work going on at Sunset Cemetery? We're expanding!

As Christiansburg continues to grow, the Town looked to the Cemetery Advisory Committee to make recommendations for needed expansion at Sunset Cemetery. The expansion is one of the first steps taken after the approval of the Cemetery Master Plan by Town Council last year.

Town crews started work on the expansion in late winter, which included grading approximately a half acre. The new space will offer 160 traditional burial plots, as well as a columbarium (right), which consists of 72 niches.



The new section also includes new walking paths and landscaping around the columbarium to provide visitors the opportunity for peaceful reflection.

Recommendations for rates and fees will be brought forth to Town Council in the coming months for approval. Once approved, residents may call (540) 382-3408 for more information.

*To learn more about Sunset Cemetery, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/cemetery](http://www.christiansburg.org/cemetery)*

## Events Calendar

### May 5: Farmers' Market Opens!

Thursdays, 3 - 7 p.m.

Hickok Street, Downtown Christiansburg

### May 14: Swim for the Next Girl

Christiansburg Aquatic Center

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### May 17: Senior Care Fair

Christiansburg Recreation Center

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### May 17: Warning Signs of Impairment and Drug Use

Christiansburg Recreation Center, 7- 9 p.m.

Registration Deadline: May 13

### May 19: Raising Backyard Chickens

Christiansburg Recreation Center

Registration deadline: May 13

### May 21: Community Yard Sale at the CAC

Begins 7 a.m.

Registration deadline: May 18

### May 21: Souper Splash! at the CAC

4 - 6:30 p.m.

### June 4: Skate Competition

Christiansburg Skate Park (at Aquatic Center)

Registration begins 11 a.m./ Contest begins at 12 p.m.

### June 10-18: Mountains of Music Homecoming

Various Locations

For full schedule, please visit: [www.mtnsofmusic.com](http://www.mtnsofmusic.com)

## Jill's Buddy Camp

The Christiansburg Recreation Center will once again partner with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to host Jill's Buddy Camp.



Jill's Buddy Camp is a two week camp that serves as the MCPS Extended School Year and offers children with delayed development a chance to interact with a teenage buddy. Campers engage in a number of activities and field trips throughout the community for a summer camp experience they'll never forget!

*To learn more about Jill's Buddy Camp, contact Director of Parks and Recreation Brad Epperley at [bepperley@christiansburg.org](mailto:bepperley@christiansburg.org) or by calling (540) 382-2349.*

## Update: Proposed Stormwater Utility Fee

A public hearing about the proposed stormwater utility fee was held on April 26. Town Council is expected to vote on the proposed fee in May.

If approved, the stormwater utility fee will go into effect July 1. A stormwater utility fee would help the town offset the costs of meeting state and federal stormwater requirements, as well as ensure the future stormwater infrastructure/maintenance needs of the town.

*For more information about the proposed stormwater utility fee, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/stormwater](http://www.christiansburg.org/stormwater)*

## Farmers' Market Begins Second Season



The Christiansburg Farmer's Market begins its second season on May 5. Join our vendors every Thursday evening from 3-7 p.m.

Stop by for fresh produce, tasty, locally-sourced meats, breads and treats. And don't miss the special events that take place throughout the season. Finally, be sure to check out the t-shirt design contest winner at the market and in the July/August edition of The Christiansburg Connection!

*For more information about the Christiansburg Farmers' Market, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/market](http://www.christiansburg.org/market)*

## Snapshot! Town photos & events



*Chief Sisson, Officer Jade Shrader and Officer Rudy Sobina planted pinwheels in front of Town Hall for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.*

Have questions? Let us know!  
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