



The Christiansburg Connection

Sept./Oct. 2016



MAYOR'S CORNER

Many times throughout the year, I often stop and take a moment to appreciate our emergency services personnel here in Christiansburg.

During the week of October 9, we'll celebrate Fire Prevention Week. I hope you'll join me downtown on October 12 for the Fire Prevention Parade at 7 p.m.

Though we recognize our volunteer Fire Department each October, and our Police and Emergency Medical Services in May, theirs is a year round job to make sure we stay safe.

And they also keep us informed through the Town's new emergency alert system, Citizens Alert. If you haven't already signed up, you can do so by calling the Public Relations Office at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1151 or online at: www.christiansburg.org/alerts. I wish you all a happy (and safe) Fall season!

Events Calendar

Christiansburg Farmers' Market

Hickok Street, Downtown Christiansburg
Thursdays through October
3 - 7 p.m.

Eight Mile Bridge Challenge Walk

Saturday, September 10 / 8:15 a.m.
Christiansburg Recreation Center

Wilderness Trail Festival

Saturday, September 17 / 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Downtown Christiansburg

Downtown Christiansburg, Inc. Food Truck Rodeo

Friday, September 23 / 5- 10 p.m.
Downtown Christiansburg

Fire Prevention Parade

Wednesday, October 12 / 7 p.m.
Downtown Christiansburg

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 15 / 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
NRV Mall

Gettin' Scary on the Huckleberry 5k/ Truck or Treat

October 29 / 8 - 11 a.m. (race starts 9 a.m.)
Christiansburg Recreation Center

To find information about more events and programs, please visit www.christiansburg.org/events

In The Know

Fall is a busy season in the Town of Christiansburg! Join Christiansburg Parks & Recreation and walk the length of the Huckleberry Trail for the second annual Eight Mile Bridge Challenge Walk on September 10. The Department is also hosting the Falls Prevention Awareness Day Fair on September 22 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Recreation Center. And make sure to celebrate Halloween in style with the Gettin' Scary on the Huckleberry 5k on Saturday, October 29 at 9 a.m. That same day, load up on candy at the Truck or Treat from 8 - 11 a.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center.

On October 15, the Aquatic Center will host the first meet in a busy fall/winter swim schedule as Virginia Tech competes against Penn State. Other meets follow on October 21-22 and November 4-6. Find pool schedules and meet information at www.cacpool.com.

The Police Department, NRV Mall and the Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch of the NAACP will host their annual Fall Festival on October 15 at the NRV Mall. Come on out from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., learn about kid's health and safety and enjoy the inflatable bouncy houses, live entertainment, great food and much more! Admission to the festival is FREE.

Public Works is gearing up for Fall Cleanup, which takes place from October 15-29.

Finally, don't miss two popular upcoming events in downtown Christiansburg! The Kiwanis Wilderness Trail Festival on September 17 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. features the Smokin' In The Mountains-Big Green Egg Cook-off with a beer garden, heritage artisans, food trucks, three stages, arts and crafts, children's area and open jam! This is followed by Downtown Christiansburg Inc.'s Food Truck Rodeo on September 23.

We'll see you there!

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Where's the Fire?

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, get to know Fire Department volunteer Gratton Thompson. Gratton has volunteered with the Christiansburg Fire Department for 55 years, beginning in 1961. He currently serves as a Captain and Chaplain of the department.

Why did you join the fire department?

I joined to serve my community.

Why have you continued to volunteer?

I love it, and I want to help people. My favorite part of volunteering is being able to serve this community.

What is your greatest accomplishment?

Saving lives and helping to save people's property.

Do you have a favorite moment with the Town?

Working for the Town for 35 years as the Public Works Clerk.

What are some of your favorite places in Christiansburg?

I enjoy the Christiansburg Recreation Center and the trails in town, as well as the shopping and restaurants. And, of course, the firehouse.

What other things do you like to do in your free time?

I go to church, and I enjoy gospel singing and helping my neighbors.



Fire Prevention Week takes place every year during the week of October 9.

Frequently Asked...

What can I set out for Fall Cleanup?

Fall Cleanup will take place October 15 - 29. Please make sure these items are separated from your regular trash.

Note: While we work to collect cleanup items on your regular pickup day, on occasion, the special collections truck runs a little behind schedule due to high volume of materials.

What items will the Town pick up?

- Furniture
- Appliances, including sinks and tubs (limit 2 per household)
- Passenger car & truck tires (limit 4 per household; no larger than 20-inches)
- Tire rims (no limit)
- Tree limbs, trimmings, brush
- Tree stumps
- Leaves (loose, do not bag)
- Landscape timbers
- Paint cans and sealer cans (only if open and dry)
- Barrels / drums (only if dry, ends are removed and did not contain hazardous material)
- Railroad ties / timbers (limit 5 per household)

What items will not be picked up?

- Construction and demolition materials (including, but not limited to, wood, metal, concrete, stone, etc.)
- Heavy machinery
- Automobile parts
- Kerosene heaters
- Fuel oil tanks of any size
- Commercial truck, tractor/trailer tires
- Hazardous household wastes (i.e. paint, pesticides and cleaning chemicals)
- Tree/brush materials associated with land/lot clearing for construction
- Electronic components (i.e. televisions and computers)

For more information, visit www.christiansburg.org/cleanup

Upcoming Meetings:

Town Council Meetings

Town Hall, 100 East Main Street
Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, September 27 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m.

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

Special Collections

Fall Cleanup

October 15-29
www.christiansburg.org/cleanup

Leaf Pickup

November 7 - December 30
(weather permitting)

Pick It Up



Have you seen the new pet waste stations around the Huckleberry Trail, Depot Park and the Harkrader Sports Complex?

These stations make it easy to clean up after your pet and keep waste from entering our streams, which protects the overall health of our environment and water supply. Let's not even mention how it affects the bottom of our shoes!

Christiansburg Parks and Recreation hopes to add stations in additional parks in the future, so be on the lookout!

Walk This Way

Are you a business in search of a sponsorship opportunity?

The Town's Bikeway/Walkway Committee is offering local businesses seven sponsorship opportunities along Town bikeways and parks. Sponsor a bench, picnic table, water station, bike shelter, bike rack, pet waste station or emergency call tower. Sponsorship levels begin at \$700.

For more information, please call (540) 382-6120 ext. 1130.

All Treats, No Tricks!

Halloween is on Monday, October 31. Though the Town does not regulate trick-or-treating, most families go out in search of goodies in neighborhoods until dark on Halloween. Many businesses also sponsor events for children. And don't forget the Truck or Treat at the Christiansburg Recreation Center from 8 - 11 a.m. on October 29! No matter which place you haunt, please be safe and have a "ghoul" time!



Snapshot! Town photos & events



Campers pose with Public Works & show off their free visit passes to the CAC at the "Our Town" summer camp. During the week, campers were given a hands-on look at the day-to-day operations of the Town.



Have questions? Let us know!
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