

# The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

November/December 2019



## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Helping Hands: A Crafting Group

Helping Hands, a crafting group with a mission to help others, just started a month ago and already has about ten members. They meet every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Recreation Center to make items that can be donated to people in need in the area, and the best part is that anyone can join.

Helping Hands's first campaign will start in January; they will be collecting red hats, preferably handmade, to donate to LewisGale patients in February, which is American Heart Association Awareness Month. If you don't have red material, LewisGale will accept any color hat and other comfort items you are willing to donate to patients who are receiving chemotherapy treatments and other medical procedures.

If you have hats you would like to donate, please stop by the Recreation Center to see Tammy Caldwell or email her at [tcaldwell@christiansburg.org](mailto:tcaldwell@christiansburg.org), if you have any questions about the group.

Helping Hands has a goal to take on a monthly project; some potential future projects are scarves for veterans, shawls for nursing homes, blankets for babies and so much more! The Town will post information about Helping Hands and its projects periodically on its Facebook account, so stay tuned for more crafts that you can make to help others in your community!

Follow us!



## IN THE KNOW

As cool weather approaches, leaves begin to fall. Set out your loose leaves for Leaf Collection from Nov. 4 through Dec. 20. And the holidays are just around the corner! Set out your trees for collection from Jan. 2-16. Don't forget to check out our closures for the holidays on the back. 'Tis the season!

## WINTER WEATHER BRINGS ICE & FROZEN PIPES

Winter is coming, and it never hurts to brush up on our winter weather tips before the first snow of the season. We also want to share the steps we take during winter weather events to help keep residents and visitors safe.

In anticipation of icy road conditions, Public Works crews will salt roads. Crews will also de-ice roads and plow snow. Primary roads (main thoroughfares with a high traffic volume) are always cleared first to ensure that snow removal crews and emergency vehicles are able to access all areas in town. There are 53 primary roads in the Town of Christiansburg.

Non-primary roads are considered secondary roads. During winter weather, secondary roads are treated and cleared in alternating order so the same streets are not always addressed last. There are 392 secondary roads in the Town of Christiansburg. Because of the large number of streets requiring attention, Public Works crews cannot respond to special requests to clear roads for medical, work or other reasons.

During the winter, you may notice an increase in the number of water line breaks around town. This is perfectly normal. As the seasons change, temperatures fluctuate, causing the ground to shift. This means water lines can shift as well, which sometimes leads to a break. To report a water line break during normal business hours, please call the Public Works Department at 540-382-1151. If you need to report a break after business hours, please call the Police Department's nonemergency line at 540-382-4343.

Please keep the following winter weather tips in mind:

- If you have a sidewalk in front of your home or business, please keep it clear of snow and ice. Town Code requires that it be cleared within 24 hours of your street being plowed.
- Snow plowing will deposit snow along street shoulders, curbs and driveway openings. Because of this, it is recommended that residents shovel driveways after their street is plowed.
- When facing the street, shovel snow to the right or into your yard to minimize the amount that may get plowed back into your driveway.
- If inclement weather is expected, please avoid parking on the street. Parking on the street prevents snow plows from fully and safely clearing the street and may result in vehicle damage.

For more information about winter weather preparedness, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/winterweather](http://www.christiansburg.org/winterweather).



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Tech Tailgate: VT vs. Notre Dame

Nov. 2, Tailgate at noon;  
Game at 2:30 p.m. on Hickok St.

### Veteran's Day Parade

Nov. 11 from 10:30 a.m. on Main St.

### Lion's Club Craft Fair

Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the  
Christiansburg Recreation Center

To learn more, visit [www.christiansburg.org/events](http://www.christiansburg.org/events) or search for the Town of Christiansburg on Facebook.

### Christmas at the Market & Parade

Dec. 13 from 4-8 p.m. Downtown; Parade at 7 p.m.

### Winter Wonderland

Dec. 14 from 6-8 p.m. on Hickok St.

### New Year's Eve Splash

Dec. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Aquatic Center,  
Tickets: \$5 child, \$10 adult (Day of: \$6 child, \$12 adult)

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES & SOLID WASTE SCHEDULE

### Veteran's Day, Nov. 11

The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Recreation Center will be open regular hours.

Town Hall will be closed.

Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday, Nov. 12, with Tuesday's regular collection.

### Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 27-29

The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Nov. 27 and Nov. 29. It will be closed on Nov. 28.

The Recreation Center will be open regular hours on Nov. 27 and closed Nov. 28-29.

Town Hall will be closed Nov. 27-29 and will reopen Dec. 2 at 8 a.m.

Solid waste normally collected on Wednesdays will be collected on Monday, Nov. 25, with Monday's regular collection. Solid waste normally collected on Thursdays will be collected on Tuesday, Nov. 26, with Tuesday's regular collection. Solid waste normally collected on Fridays will be collected on Monday, Dec. 2, with Monday's regular collection.

### Christmas Holiday, Dec. 24-25

The Aquatic Center, the Recreation Center and Town Hall will be closed Dec. 24-25. Town Hall will reopen Dec. 26 at 8 a.m.

Solid waste normally collected on Tuesdays will be collected on Monday, Dec. 23, with Monday's regular collection. Solid waste normally collected on Wednesdays will be collected on Thursday, Dec. 26, with Thursday's regular collection.

### New Year's Holiday, Jan. 1

The Aquatic Center will be open from 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Dec. 30 and reopen for the New Year's Eve Splash at 5:30 p.m. It will be open on Dec. 31 from 5:30 a.m.-5 p.m. but closed on Jan. 1.

The Recreation Center will be open from 5:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 31 but closed on Jan. 1.

Town Hall will be open Dec. 30-31 but closed Jan. 1. It will reopen Jan. 2 at 8 a.m.

Solid waste normally collected on Wednesdays will be collected on Thursday, Jan. 2, with Thursday's regular collection.

## LOOSE LEAF & CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Loose leaf collection will run weekdays from Nov. 4 through Dec. 20, weather permitting. Public Works crews will **only collect piles of loose leaves; leaves placed in bags will not be accepted.** Please do not place your pile of loose leaves in a way that blocks sidewalks, sanitary sewers, solid waste carts, drainage ditches or utility meter boxes.

Christmas tree collection will run weekdays from Jan. 2-16, 2020. Please leave your tree at the curb for collection.



## SWIM MEETS

Nov. 1-3	H2Okie Thanksgiving Invitational
Nov. 8	VT v. Queens College & Rutgers
Dec. 6-7	SWVA Invitational
Dec. 12-15	Swim & Tri-Winter Invitational
Dec. 17	Christiansburg High School Dual Meet
Dec. 19	Stroke School Meet

## CALLS FROM SANTA

Santa will be making personal calls to children 8 years and younger beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 and Dec. 6. Let Santa know to call your child by filling out a form at the Recreation Center by 5 p.m. on Dec. 3 or register online at [www.christiansburg.org/recreation](http://www.christiansburg.org/recreation).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Town Council Meetings

Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in Chambers at Town Hall

Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in Chambers at Town Hall

This meeting date has been adjusted to account for holidays.

Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in Chambers at Town Hall

December 24: CANCELLED due to holiday

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



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