

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

January/February 2020



COMMUNITY CORNER

2020 Census is Coming!

The Census is coming in 2020, and it's important to make sure you get counted! The data collected by the Census is used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities and determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.

By April 1, 2020, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

Don't have a computer to fill out the 2020 Census? We can help! The Christiansburg Recreation Center's senior lounge computer lab will be open to the public Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, throughout the month of April so that residents can take the Census online.

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. - noon
at the Recreation Center
1600 N. Franklin St.

Get FREE health screenings, nutrition assessments, snacks, samples, giveaways and door prizes.

Follow us!



IN THE KNOW

Happy New Year! We hope all of our residents enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday season. We've had a mild winter so far, but that doesn't mean we won't get more snow and ice in the coming months, so please take a moment to review the town's winter weather procedures at www.christiansburg.org/beprepared. Don't forget to subscribe to Citizens Alert at www.christiansburg.org/alerts to receive updates on water line breaks, garbage collection suspension and more.

FALLING BRANCH TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPERATIONAL

A new traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of Roanoke Street and Falling Branch Road. The signal is part of a larger project that aligns the intersection with a new entrance to the Gateway Plaza Shopping Center. While the light is now in use, work on other parts of the project will continue. The contractor will be completing minimal work in the coming weeks that may result in intermittent temporary lane closures.

IMPORTANCE OF STREAM RESTORATIONS

Winter is a great time to explore stream restorations in Christiansburg! Both Depot Park and Diamond Hills Park have restored streams. Now that plants have died back, you can see the small trees, shrubs and wetland plants that provide long-term stability to stream banks.

This is integral because common turf grasses have shallow roots, often less than six inches deep, but native vegetation have roots between 12 to 24 inches beneath the surface. Trees, especially, have roots that can spread two to four times the edge of the canopy. Together, a dense network of roots and vegetation are formed to protect the stream bank from collapsing, which keeps erosion to a minimum and prevents tons of sediment from washing down to Crab Creek each year.

Reducing sediment runoff helps restore the biological communities in Crab Creek. The Town of Christiansburg sets a goal to take action toward stream restoration as part of its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program.



Photo provided by Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc.
Image is of Depot Park (250 Depot St. NE)



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WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

If you have sidewalk in front of your home/business, please keep it clear of snow and ice. Town Code requires 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 plow 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.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES & SOLID WASTE SCHEDULE

Lee-Jackson Day, Jan. 17

Town Hall will be closed.

The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., but administrative offices will be closed.

The Recreation Center will be closed Jan. 17-20 for an event.

Solid waste normally collected on Fridays will be collected on Thursday, Jan. 16, with Thursday's regular collection.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 20

Town Hall will be closed.

The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., but administrative offices will be closed.

The Recreation Center will be closed Jan. 17-20 for an event.

Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday, Jan. 21, with Tuesday's regular collection.

George Washington Day, Feb. 17

Town Hall will be closed.

The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., but administrative offices will be closed.

The Recreation Center will be open regular hours from 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m., but administrative offices will be closed.

Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Friday, Feb. 14, with Friday's regular collection.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Council Meetings

- Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.
in Chambers at Town Hall
- Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.
in Chambers at Town Hall
- Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.
in Chambers at Town Hall
- Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.
in Chambers at Town Hall

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

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



The Town's premiere event, Winter Wonderland, hosted approximately 1,500 people on Dec. 14 from 6-8 p.m. at the Recreation Center.



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION



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

SWIM MEETS

1/4	.....	BHS Invite
1/7	.....	CHS Dual Meet
1/11-1/12	.....	H2Okie MLK Invite
1/14	.....	CHS Dual Meet
1/18	.....	VT vs. UVA
1/21	.....	CHS Dual Meet
2/1	.....	VT vs. NC State
2/4	.....	CHS Dual Meet
2/7-2/9	.....	VT Invite
2/10	.....	VHSL Region C Championship
2/10	.....	VHSL Region 5D Championship
2/11	.....	VHSL Region 4A Championship
2/11	.....	VHSL Region 3D Championship
2/13-2/15	.....	VISSA HS Championships
2/18-2/22	.....	CAA Swim & Diving Championship
2/28-3/1	.....	VA Swimming SW Districts & Regionals

NEW REC CLASS

A new course, *Vaping and Juuling—the Truth Behind the Haze*, will be offered by Dr. Pam Ray at the Recreation Center on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 6:30–8 p.m. This free course will present facts about electronic cigarettes with details on the ingredients in the liquid pods, descriptions on the ingredients' impact on health and more. Dr. Ray, with the New River Valley Health District and Virginia Tech, will also explain the new lung disease associated with vaping. For more information and to register for the class, please call the Recreation Center at 540-382-2349.



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