

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

January/February 2021



COMMUNITY CORNER

Combating COVID Fatigue

COVID fatigue. It's real and it's strong.

Both the intensity and the duration of the pandemic has added stress and anxiety to nearly everyone's lives. We're tired of being cooped up, tired of being careful and tired of being scared. Our collective fatigue is causing us to forget the three Ws—Wash your hands, Watch your distance and Wear a mask.

It's pertinent for us all to remain vigilant in these behaviors to help combat community spread and beat COVID-19.

To help fight the fatigue, you can exercise to release endorphins, talk about your stress and anxiety with loved ones, practice constructive thinking by reminding yourself you are doing your best given the situation, and practice mindfulness by being in the moment and taking slow, deep breaths. Social media can amplify our stress and anxiety, causing COVID fatigue. Remember to take a break from your devices for the betterment of your mental health. You can do this, Christiansburg!

Be committed.
Be well.

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IN THE KNOW

It's finally a new year! Hello, 2021, and goodbye, 2020! While the year wasn't all bad (check out the Community Snapshot on the next page for a glimpse of innocence and holiday spirit), we are looking forward to 2021. Be sure to review the holiday closures and solid waste changes for January and February on the next page, and keep the 2021 Holiday Solid Waste Schedule that is inserted with your bill to remember when changes will occur this year. Unfortunately, though 2020 is behind us, the pandemic isn't over yet, so please remember to wash your hands, watch your distance and wear a mask.

RESTROOMS INSTALLED AT DEPOT & CIRCLE PARKS

New restrooms are being installed at Depot and Circle Parks. The project, funded by the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, will cost approximately \$85,000 and is expected to be complete by spring 2021.

These parks were chosen due to the nature of how the restrooms were built. The bathrooms being installed are prefabricated and had to be placed using a crane. Depot and Circle Parks provided the appropriate space for a crane to place the structures. However, the installation of more restrooms at other parks is possible at a later date.

The new restrooms will be a nice amenity for the Town's parks, which currently only have portable restrooms. These new bathrooms will make the park more accessible for families, so that they may stay longer to enjoy the outdoors. These restrooms will also improve the appearance of the parks. Additionally, the restrooms will be cleaner and safer with running water, soap dispensers, sinks and toilets, which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the need for these facilities will remain for many years to come.

"We are very excited to be able to provide this amenity at our parks with the hopes of eventually having restrooms in all of our parks," Parks and Recreation Director Brad Epperley said. "We hope that users of the parks will understand how important it is for us to provide them with these types of wonderful park amenities. The outdoor facilities have been used heavily during the past year and will continue to be used heavily. These types of additions help us to provide an overall great experience at our parks."

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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.

We did it! Thanks to your help in donating single-use, thin plastics to the Farmers Market and Rec Center, we collected more than 500 pounds in three months, and the company Trex has donated an outdoor bench to the Town to be installed at a later date. You can see the bench on display at the Rec Center and still bring in your single-use, thin plastics to recycle.

TREE COLLECTION



Christmas tree collection will run weekdays from Jan. 4-15, 2021. Please leave your tree free of decorations at the curb for collection.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



The second Santa's Coming to Town event went off without a hitch! Santa spread holiday cheer on a firetruck at 6:30 p.m. each night from Dec. 7-10 and Dec. 12. He visited most neighborhoods in town limits to wave hello to all the residents of Christiansburg. This event was organized by the Town and fully operated by the volunteer firefighters at the Fire Department. Santa's taking a rest but can't wait to see you all next year. Happy 2021, everyone!

Photo credit to Jenn McCrady.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES & SOLID WASTE SCHEDULE

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 18

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. 15-18 for an athletic event.

Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Friday, Jan. 15, with Friday's regular collection.

George Washington Day, Feb. 15

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 6 a.m.-7 p.m., but administrative offices will be closed.

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

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS*

January 12 at 7 p.m.

January 26 at 7 p.m.

February 9 at 7 p.m.

February 23 at 7 p.m.

*Meetings are held in Council Chambers at Town Hall. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, residents may be asked to wait in the hall or watch the meeting from another room. Opportunity to provide public comment in person will be provided; however, contactless comment methods are also available at www.christiansburg.org/publichearings to ensure resident access and safety. Please visit the website for information on each meeting closer to the dates above.

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