



The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

September/October 2018

Community Corner

Meet Assistant Town Manager Andrew Warren



Andrew Warren was promoted to assistant town manager in July. He served as the Town's planning director for two years prior to being named assistant town manager and has 16 years of experience working in local government.

"I am thrilled to continue doing what I love in a town that I love, but in a position that allows me to tackle more diverse issues and opportunities," Andrew said. "I particularly look forward to focusing on economic development and ways in which we can make Christiansburg the best place to live, work and play."

Before working for the town, Andrew worked as a planner for the City of Roanoke and the Town of Blacksburg.

In his spare time, Andrew enjoys running, volunteering and spending time with his family. You can often find him at the Fun Run held at the Christiansburg Farmers' Market every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Andrew can be reached by email at awarren@christiansburg.org.

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In The Know

Fall is just around the corner, which means Fall Cleanup is almost here! Public Works crews will be collecting items from Oct. 6 - 19, and you can find out more about this free service on the reverse side. Leaf collection will follow Fall Cleanup, beginning Oct. 22 and running through December.

If you're looking for things to do around town, check out the reverse side for a list of upcoming events. Don't forget that Town Hall and the Christiansburg Recreation Center will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 3. The Christiansburg Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Garbage normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday, Sept. 4, with Tuesday's regular collection.

The reverse side also contains information about two contests that may be of interest to local artists, and a reminder about what items are accepted by our curbside recycling service.

See you around town!

Keep F.O.G. out of Christiansburg's sewer system

With the holiday season only a couple months away, now is the perfect time to start practicing responsible disposal of FOG (fats, oils and grease).

If disposed of improperly, FOG will build up in the Town's wastewater systems, obstructing pipes, damaging infrastructure, causing overflows and harming the environment. When mixed in small amounts with hot water, FOG flows easily. But once it cools in a pipe, it will harden. When the solids build up over time, lines get blocked, which can cause sewer overflows. These spills can happen without warning anywhere there is a sewer line. Sewage may overflow into your yard or even back up into your house or business. Blockages and overflows are expensive to fix, so the easiest way to approach the problem is by preventing it in the first place!

How to Dispose of F.O.G. Properly

Do not dispose of your cooking oil, grease and fat by pouring it down the drain. Instead, pour your used cooking oil, grease and fat into a covered container. These covered containers can be placed in the trash can with your regular garbage.

Avoid using your garbage disposal whenever possible. Do not put food scraps down the drain. Instead, scrape food scraps from your dishes into the garbage.



Use a paper towel to "dry wipe" grease and oil from dishes and cookware before you wash them. The wipe can be thrown away with your regular garbage. Do not use cloth towels or rags to wipe plates or to clean greasy, oily dishes. When you wash the cloth, the fats, oils and grease will end up in the sewer.

Do not rinse FOG from cooking ware with hot water. Hot water will melt the fats, oils and grease off the dishes and into the sewer pipes, where it will later cool and begin to accumulate.



Have a question? Let us know!

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Events Calendar

Christiansburg Farmers' Market

Every Thursday through Oct. 25, 3-7 p.m.
Hickok Street NW

CHS Homecoming Parade

Sept. 5, parade begins at 5 p.m.
Downtown Main Street

Wilderness Trail Festival

Sept. 15, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Downtown Main Street

Food Truck Rodeo

Sept. 21, 5-10 p.m.
Downtown Main Street

8-Mile Bridge Challenge

Sept. 22, 8 a.m.
Christiansburg Recreation Center

First Responders Battleship

Sept. 28, 7-9 p.m.
Christiansburg Aquatic Center

Fire Prevention Parade

Oct. 2, parade begins at 6 p.m.
Downtown Main Street

Christiansburg Police Department's Fall Festival

Oct. 13, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
New River Valley Mall Parking Lot

Market After Dark

Oct. 26, 3-8 p.m.
Huckleberry Trail at the Recreation Center

Truck or Treat & Huckleberry Hustle 5k

Oct. 27, race begins at 8 a.m.
Christiansburg Recreation Center

To find out more information on events and programs, visit www.christiansburg.org/events or our Facebook page.

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council Meetings

Held at Town Hall, 100 East Main St.

- Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.

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

Closures

Labor Day, Sept. 3

- Aquatic Center hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Town Hall will be closed.
- The Recreation Center will be closed.
- Garbage normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday, Sept. 4, with Tuesday's regular collection.

Don't forget to set your Fall Cleanup items out for collection!

Fall Cleanup will be held Oct. 6-19. Please place Fall Cleanup items within 10 feet of the street or pavement and separate these items from your regular trash. The Town is not responsible for any items left at or near the street that residents did not intend to have collected. Piles that do not comply with cleanup rules will not be collected.

During Fall Cleanup, the Town will pick up tree and brush trimmings, old furniture, a maximum of two appliances, and up to four tires per household. For a full list of accepted items, please visit www.christiansburg.org/cleanupFAQ. Please separate brush from other materials. Loose materials must be placed in containers not exceeding 32 gallons. Leaves must be bagged. There is no charge for items picked up during Fall Cleanup, but there will be a charge assessed for items placed out after Fall Cleanup.



Residents may also choose to set out their brush for monthly brush collection. Please visit www.christiansburg.org/brush to learn about monthly brush collection service.

Though special collection trucks follow regular garbage routes, cleanup may run a day or two behind trash collection schedules, depending on volume. If it is nearing the end of Fall Cleanup and your items have not been collected yet, please call (540) 382-1151.

Aquatic Center Meets

The facility will remain open but there will be competition pool closures on:

- Sept. 22: Virginia Tech Intraquad Meet Oct 12-13:
- Virginia Tech home meet against Duke and Florida State Oct 26-27:
- Virginia Tech home meet against Ohio State and Penn State

Heritage Ornament Contest

The Executive Mansion has invited Virginia counties, cities and towns to submit a handcrafted ornament to hang on this year's Holiday Tree in the Executive Mansion. The Town of Christiansburg is holding a contest to help select the 2018 Christiansburg Heritage Ornament, which will be sent to Richmond. For contest rules, please visit www.christiansburg.org/ornament.

Photo of the Year Contest

When you think of Christiansburg, what do you see? Is there a specific place or activity that comes to mind? Share your take with us by entering our first annual Photo of the Year Contest. Judges will select a photo of the year to hang in Town Hall in 2019. The Town plans to feature other submissions on social media and possibly in a book. Please visit www.christiansburg.org/photooftheyear for contest rules.

Community Snapshot



Crime Prevention Officer David Wall talks bike safety with young bicyclists at the annual Bike Rodeo on July 12.

FAQ: What can I recycle?



For more information, please visit www.christiansburg.org/recycling or call Public Works at 540-382-1151.



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