

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

July/August 2019



COMMUNITY CORNER

Rediscover Downtown

Downtown Christiansburg has a full calendar of events scheduled. The Farmers' Market on Hickok Street is every Thursday until October 31 from 3-7 p.m. Each week a variety of vendors set up their produce, baked goods, meats, seafood, ice cream and more in the middle of downtown.

A new and free event called Take 60 is on Fridays at noon. Select local restaurants have special promotions to encourage participants to take 60 minutes on Hickok Street to sit and enjoy their lunch over music and games. Visit www.christiansburg.org/take60 to learn more.

Family-friendly events are happening on Main Street throughout the summer like the Fourth of July Celebration, Heritage Day, the Food Truck Rodeo and Wilderness Trail.

New art installations are being placed around town as well. The businesses of Old Town Mall sponsored a fish statue installment. A manhole cover on the sidewalk of West Main Street was transformed into a horse and wagon, and the Town sponsored a mural in front of the Christiansburg Police Department.

So, come out and explore your downtown!



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IN THE KNOW

School may be out for the summer, but the Town of Christiansburg is staying busy. The budget for fiscal year 2019–2020 was adopted on June 25 (see below), and the Town just finished its first year providing curbside recycling collection!

Over the past year, this service has doubled the tonnage of recycling collected by the Town and decreased solid waste by 300 tons; all while the number of customers using Christiansburg's solid waste and recycling services has increased.

Remember, for the Fourth of July holiday, solid waste that would normally be collected on Thursday, July 4, will be collected on Wednesday, July 3. Solid waste that would normally be collected on Friday, July 5, will be collected on Monday, July 8.

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2019–2020 BUDGET

Town Council approved the annual budget for fiscal year 2019–2020 on June 25.

Water rates increased to \$8 per month for 1,000 gallons, \$10 per month for 1,000–50,000 gallons, and \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 50,000 gallons. These rates are effective July 1 (more information on next page). Sewer rates remain unchanged.

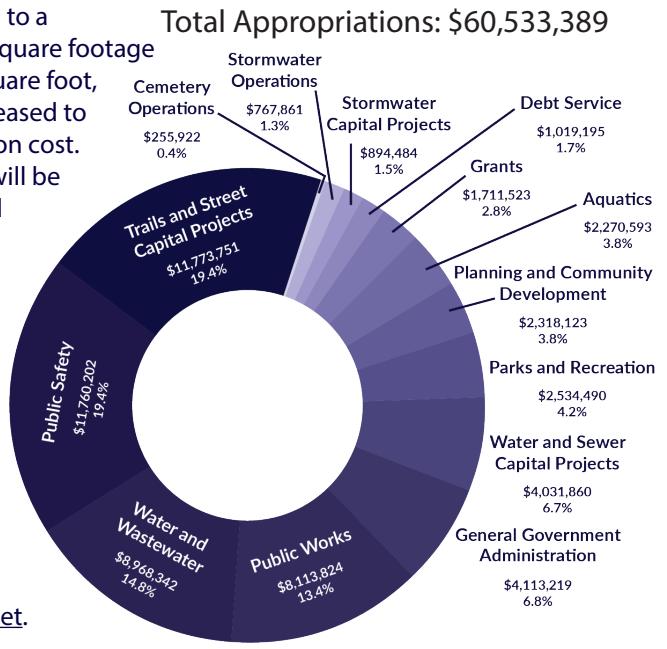
Building permit fees increased to a minimum of \$50. Residential square footage fees increased to \$0.28 per square foot, and commercial cost fees increased to \$4.50 per \$1,000 of construction cost. Plans resubmitted for review will be charged \$100 after the second submittal.

Real estate and personal property tax rates remain unchanged.

Three new positions were added; one in each of the following: Radio Shop, Building Inspections and Information Technology.

You can find a copy of the full budget at:

www.christiansburg.org/budget.



Have a question? Let us know!

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Farmers' Market
Thursdays until October 31
from 3–7 p.m. on Hickok Street

Goat Yoga
Monthly on first Monday until October 7
from 5:30–6:30 p.m. at Downtown Park

Fourth of July Celebration
Festival from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Main Street
Fireworks begin around 9:15 p.m. and are visible
from NRV Mall and Walmart

Movies Off Main: Ferdinand
July 19 at sundown on Hickok Street

First Aid/CPR/AED Training
August 10 from 8 a.m.–noon
at the Aquatic Center
\$55 residents, \$65 non-residents

Touch A Truck
August 17 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
at NRV Mall Parking Lot

Movies Off Main: TBD
August 23 at sundown on Hickok Street

Heritage Day
August 24 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
at Montgomery Museum and Main Street

To learn about more, visit www.christiansburg.org/events
or search for the Town of Christiansburg on Facebook.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CLOSURES

Town Council Meetings
July 9 at 7 p.m.
July 23 at 7 p.m.
August 13 at 7 p.m.
August 27 at 7 p.m.
Never miss a meeting! Sign up for notifications at
www.christiansburg.org/notifyme.

Town Facility Closures
On July 4, Town Hall, the Aquatic Center and the Recreation Center will be closed. Solid waste that would normally be collected Thursday, July 4, will be collected Wednesday, July 3.

On July 5, Town Hall will be closed. The Recreation Center will be open normal hours, and the Aquatic Center will be open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Solid waste that would normally be collected Friday, July 5, will be collected Monday, July 8.

From August 14–28, the Aquatic Center will be closed for annual maintenance.

DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

In 2018, the Town of Christiansburg detected ten regulated and four unregulated contaminants in the drinking water. However, these contaminants were at allowable levels, and no health-based violations were reported. View the 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report at www.christiansburg.org/drinkingwater to learn more about Christiansburg's drinking water. Questions? Call the Engineering Department at 540-382-6120. For a paper copy of the report, please visit Town Hall or call to have one sent by mail.

PAYING UTILITY BILLS

You may pay online at <https://utilitybilling.christiansburg.org> or in person at Town Hall (100 East Main Street, Christiansburg). You can also set up payments to be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account through the Direct Payment Plan. Visit Town Hall to set up direct payment. Visa, Mastercard and Discover debit/credit cards are accepted for payment, along with cash, checks and money orders.

JULY 4 TRASH COLLECTED JULY 3
JULY 5 TRASH COLLECTED JULY 8

WATER RATES CHANGING

New water rates were adopted July 1 because the New River Valley Regional Water Authority—which sells water wholesale to the Town of Christiansburg—is raising its prices. This means Christiansburg and other Authority customers (Blacksburg, Virginia Tech and Montgomery County) must cover the higher cost. The Authority's rate change will fund essential upgrades to the water treatment plant and system, which have not received major improvements in 40 years. Christiansburg's wastewater treatment facility is also in need of upgrades. The increase ensures customers will continue receiving quality water. Despite the change, Christiansburg continues to have affordable water and sewer rates when compared to many other jurisdictions in the state.

MONITORING WATER USAGE

Sign up for an account at www.christiansburg.org/monitorwater. The online tool will allow you to monitor your usage and receive alerts if a leak is detected.

AQUATIC CENTER

Summer Awards Meet
July 12–14
SVSL Championship Meet
July 16
RVAA Championship Meet
July 19–20
VA Swimming Age Group
Championship Meet
July 25–28

Visit www.capool.com for schedules
and pool closures.

TOWN SEEKING RESPONSES TO PLANNING GRANT SURVEY

The Town of Christiansburg has received a planning grant through the Appalachian Regional Commission and would like to invite you to join the conversation as it relates to future plans in Downtown, Cambria and Midtown.

Please let the town know what community assets could benefit these areas by completing a 10-minute survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2uklg3d>.



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