

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

September/October 2019



COMMUNITY CORNER

Huckleberry Improvements

The Huckleberry Trail has seen a few additions over the summer.

The Town received a grant to install sunscreen dispensers along the trail and in Town parks. Visit these yellow stands for free sunscreen and use the mirror on the front to help apply it.



Other safety improvements have been made as well. In July and August, emergency call towers were installed along the trail and at Downtown Park, Depot Park and Harkrader Sports Complex. By October, six solar-powered towers will be operational along the Huckleberry Trail, which will allow users to send an immediate 911 call to the regional dispatch center with the

location of the tower. The individual who pushed the button will then be able to communicate with a dispatcher.



These towers are a proactive measure that add an extra sense of security for trail users and are also useful in the case of medical emergencies.

Follow us!



IN THE KNOW

Fall is just around the corner, which means Fall Cleanup is almost here! Public Works crews will be collecting items from October 5–18; find out more about this free service on the reverse side. Leaf collection will follow Fall Cleanup, beginning November 4 and running through December. If you are looking for things to do, check out the reverse side for a list of upcoming events. See you around town!

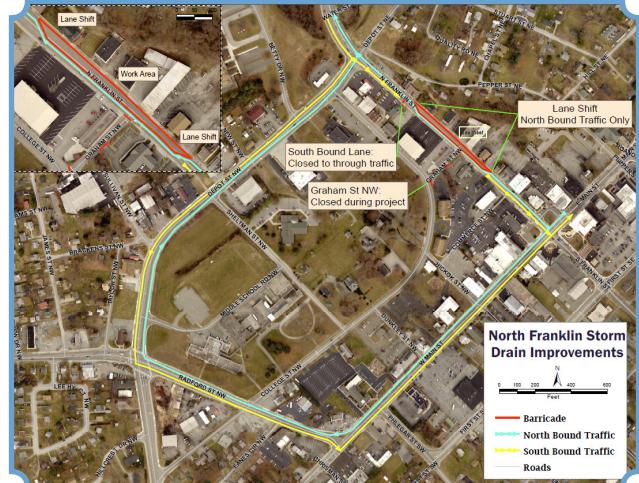
CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Over the past months, you have probably noticed construction work happening in the downtown area of Christiansburg. The work and corresponding road closures are the result of two different projects, both of which will be wrapping up in the coming weeks.

In the spring, a sewer project began on North Franklin Street in downtown and has now moved its way to Commerce Street. The purpose of this project is to reduce the number of sanitary sewer overflows in the downtown area that have been caused by aging infrastructure, portions of which are from the Town's original sewer collection system that was installed in the 1930s. The sewer system's upgrades include increasing its capacity and shifting its path.

The Town is continuing its efforts with the contractor to complete this project as soon as possible. A portion of Hickok Street that is normally open to traffic will remain closed for roughly two more weeks. The contractor will be responsible for repaving Commerce Street and corresponding parking lots.

After the sewer project moved off North Franklin Street, a different project began on a smaller portion of the same road. A storm drain project began in the summer to realign storm drains that currently flow under local businesses. The purpose of this project is to reduce flooding in the area. This project includes blasting of rock underground, which is a process controlled and monitored by the Christiansburg Fire Department. Currently, the plan is to maintain one lane of northbound traffic at all times throughout the project, except when the 10-minute blasts take place. In order to maintain one lane of northbound traffic, the contractor has shifted traffic to other portions of the road. The farthest right northbound lane that has been open since the sewer project began has been redirected to the farthest southbound lane. Please see the map below for a visual depiction. This project is on schedule and is expected to be complete by the end of October.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Farmers' Market

Thursdays until Oct. 31 from 3–7 p.m.
on Hickok St.

Christiansburg Institute Block Party

Sept. 7 from 12–3 p.m. on Scattergood Dr.

Goat Yoga

Sept. 9 from 5:30–6:30 p.m.
at Downtown Park

Food Truck Rodeo

Sept. 13 from 5–10 p.m. on Main St.

Christiansburg's Top Talent

Sept. 14 from 5–8 p.m. on Hickok St.

Skate Park Showdown

Sept. 20 from 6–10 p.m. at the Aquatic Center Skate Park, \$10 fee, includes t-shirt

8-Mile Bridge Challenge

Sept. 21 from 8–11 a.m. at the Recreation Center

Wilderness Trail Festival

Sept. 21 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Main St.

Marcus Ford Memorial 5k

Sept. 28 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
at the NRV Mall

Police Department Fall Festival

Oct. 5 from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

at the NRV Mall

Tony L. Huddleston Trout Rodeo

Oct. 5, Registration at noon, Fishing from 2–4 p.m. at Izaak Walton Pond

Finish the Fight 5k

Oct. 6 from 9:30–11 a.m. at the Recreation Center

Goat Yoga

Oct. 7 from 5:30–6:30 p.m.
at Downtown Park

Fire Prevention Parade

Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. on Main St.

Rockin' Main Street

Oct. 11 from 6–9 p.m. on Main St.

Getting Scary on the Huckleberry:

Huckleberry Hustle 5k & Truck or Treat

Oct. 26 at 8–11 a.m. (Truck or Treat starts at 9 a.m.) at the Recreation Center

Market After Dark

Oct. 31 from 3–7 p.m. on Hickok St.

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

FALL CLEANUP

Fall Cleanup will take place October 5–18. Please place materials in a separate pile from your regular trash within 10 feet of the street. Fall cleanup items may be collected outside of your regular trash collection day. Items that will be accepted include: furniture; appliances, including sinks and tubs (2 per household); passenger car and truck tires (4 per household and no larger than 20-inches); tire rims (no limit); tree limbs, tree stumps, trimmings, brush; leaves (must be bagged); landscape timbers; open and dry paint cans and sealer cans; dry barrels/drums with ends removed that did not contain hazardous material; railroad ties/timbers (5 per household). More info can be found at www.christiansburg.org/cleanupFAQ.

SWIM MEETS

Virginia Tech Inner Squad Meet

September 28

H2okie Stroke School Meet

October 17

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is on Thursday, October 31. Though the Town does not regulate trick-or-treating, many families go trick-or-treating in their neighborhoods until dark on Halloween. If you want more spooky fun, stop by Truck or Treat on October 26 from 8–11 a.m. and run/walk the Getting Scary on the Huckleberry 5k at 9 a.m. at the Recreation Center.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CLOSURES

Town Council Meetings

September 10 at 7 p.m.

September 24 at 7 p.m.

October 22 at 7 p.m.

(The regularly scheduled October 8 meeting has been canceled.)

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

Town Facility Closures

On September 2, Town Hall and the Recreation Center will be closed. The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday, September 3.

ORNAMENT CONTEST

The governor has invited Virginia counties, cities and towns to submit a handcrafted ornament to hang on this year's tree in the Executive Mansion. The Town of Christiansburg is holding a contest to help select the 2019 Christiansburg Heritage Ornament, which will be sent to Richmond. Remaining entries will hang in Town Hall during the holiday season. Please apply at www.christiansburg.org/ornament by Friday, October 25.

PHOTO 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 second annual Photo of the Year Contest. Judges will select a photo of the year to hang in Town Hall in 2020. The Town plans to feature other submissions on social media and possibly in a book. Please visit www.christiansburg.org/photooftheyear for contest rules.



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