

# The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

November/December 2020



2019 Christmas Parade

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Eagle Scout Builds Shelter in Depot Park



David Fox, a 17-year-old senior at Christiansburg High School, recently completed this picnic shelter in Depot Park, as part of his Eagle Scout project. He and his father spent a total of five and a half months planning, coordinating resources, measuring and constructing the structure, with two of those months spent actually building and working in Depot Park.

David said his motto with his dad was "measure twice, cut once," and they took it to heart. They received volunteer help from the members of Boy Scout Troop 141, and the volunteer hours those members earned will also help them toward their Eagle rank.

The Town purchased the materials for the picnic shelter, but the planning and labor David put into the project made it a reality. This is the third picnic shelter of its kind in Christiansburg, after Eagle Scouts completed one in Downtown Park last year and one in the Skate Park a couple years ago. Projects like this have a big impact on our community and help enhance our parks and recreational amenities. Congratulations, David, on a job well done, and thank you for all of your hard work!

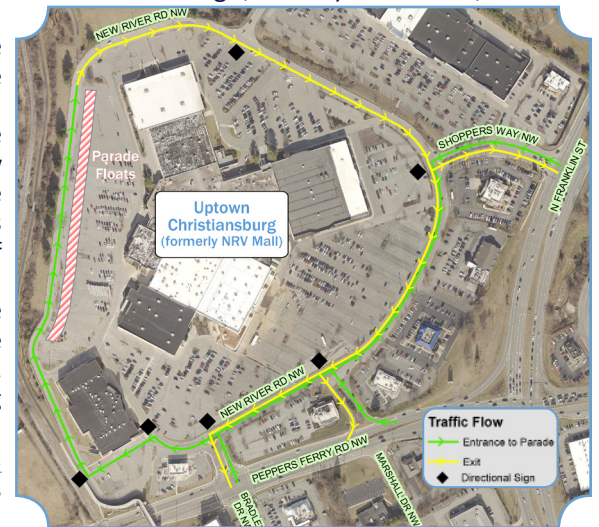
## IN THE KNOW

Winter is coming! Read below about December's socially-distanced, outdoor holiday events, planned with guidance from the NRV Public Health Task Force, to ensure safe and fun celebrations. Remember, as we enter the winter months, it's important to be vigilant in wearing masks and practicing physical distancing. Don't give in to COVID fatigue! Whether you are at work, at school or relaxing, your chance of contracting COVID-19 is low if you consistently wear your mask, keep your distance and wash your hands.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE MARKET & CHRISTMAS PARADE

On Thursday, Dec. 10, join us for a socially-distanced Christmas at the Market and tree lighting. This year's events will follow all safety guidelines and will occur outside. Please maintain appropriate social distancing and wear a mask. From 4-8 p.m., Christiansburg Farmers Market vendors, local crafters and local businesses will be spaced 12-18 feet apart along Main Street from the square to the corner of Hickok Street. At 6:30 p.m., a tree lighting ceremony will take place in Town Square. Please note that, in order to prepare for the market, there will be no parking on Main Street after 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, and Main Street will close at noon for vendor set up. Main Street will reopen by 10 p.m. that evening. Apply to be a vendor for Christmas at the Market by Monday, Nov. 23, or until spaces are filled. Contact [farmersmarket@christiansburg.org](mailto:farmersmarket@christiansburg.org) or 540-382-2349, ext. 2017, for an application. At this time, there is no rain date for the market and tree lighting, but a live stream of the tree lighting will occur at a later date in the event of inclement weather.

This year, in place of its traditional Christmas Parade, the Town will be offering a reverse parade (pictured) at Uptown Christiansburg (formerly NRV Mall) on Dec. 11 from 7-9 p.m. Floats will be stationary (parked) in the New River Community College (NRCC) section of the Uptown Christiansburg parking lot while spectators slowly drive by on New River Road. This year's parade theme is "Light up the tree, it's Christmas you see." In case of inclement weather, the decision to reschedule the parade will be made by noon on Dec. 11. The inclement weather date is Dec. 14. Those interested in participating in the parade should fill out an application at [www.christiansburg.org/parade](http://www.christiansburg.org/parade) and submit it by Friday, Nov. 18, or until spaces are filled.



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## LOOSE LEAF & CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Loose leaf collection will run weekdays from Nov. 2 through the end of December, weather permitting. Public Works crews will **only collect piles of loose leaves; leaves placed in bags will not be accepted.**

Please do not place your pile of loose leaves in a way that blocks sidewalks, sanitary sewers, solid waste carts, drainage ditches or utility meter boxes.

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



## SANTA'S CALLING



Santa will be making personal calls to children 8 years and younger beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 (and Dec. 4 if needed). Let Santa know to call your child by filling out a form at the Recreation Center by 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 or register online at [www.christiansburg.org/recreation](http://www.christiansburg.org/recreation).

## 2020 PHOTO OF THE YEAR



The Public Art Advisory Board selected this photo by Kelly Showalter, titled "Lifelong Friendship," as the Town of Christiansburg's 2020 Photo of the Year. It will be displayed in Town Hall and featured on the cover of a town-themed calendar, along with other submissions from this year and prior years.

## AQUATIC & REC CENTERS HOURS

The Aquatic Center is open by appointment only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. To make a reservation, please visit [www.cacpool.com](http://www.cacpool.com).

The Recreation Center is open by appointment only Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. To make a reservation, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/recreation](http://www.christiansburg.org/recreation).

Both facilities take daily precautions to protect the health and safety of its visitors.

## UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS\*

**November 10 at 7 p.m.**

**December 8 at 7 p.m.**

The second meetings for November and December have been canceled due to the holidays.

\*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](http://www.christiansburg.org/publichearings) to ensure resident access and safety. Please visit the website for information on each meeting closer to the dates above.

Never miss a meeting! Sign up for notifications at [www.christiansburg.org/notifyme](http://www.christiansburg.org/notifyme). All meetings are recorded and posted to the Town's YouTube page at [www.christiansburg.org/YouTube](http://www.christiansburg.org/YouTube).

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

### Election Day, November 3

Town facilities will be closed for Election Day on November 3. Solid waste normally scheduled for Tuesdays will be collected Monday, November 2, along with Monday's regular collection.

### Veterans Day, November 11

Town facilities will be closed for Veterans Day on November 11. Solid waste normally scheduled for Wednesdays will be collected Tuesday, November 10, along with Tuesday's regular collection.

### Thanksgiving Holidays, November 25-27

Town facilities will be closed the day before Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving on November 25-27.

Solid waste normally scheduled for Wednesday, November 25, will be collected Monday, November 23, along with Monday's regular collection.

Solid waste normally scheduled for Thursday, November 26, will be collected Tuesday, November 24, along with Tuesday's regular collection.

Solid waste normally scheduled for Friday, November 27, will be collected Monday, November 30, along with Monday's regular collection.

### Christmas Holidays, December 24-25

Town facilities will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on December 24-25.

Solid waste normally scheduled for Thursday, December 24, will be collected Tuesday, December 22, along with Tuesday's regular collection.

Solid waste normally scheduled for Friday, December 25, will be collected Wednesday, December 23, along with Wednesday's regular collection.

### New Year's Day, January 1

Town facilities will be closed for New Year's Day on January 1. Solid waste normally scheduled for Fridays will be collected Thursday, December 31, along with Thursday's regular collection.

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