

# The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

May/June 2021



## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Recycled Benches

Christiansburg residents have collected over 1,600 pounds of thin, single use plastic in less than a year at the Christiansburg Farmers Market and Recreation Center.

The single-use, thin plastics are recycled into an earth-friendly composite decking and railing material by Trex, an eco-friendly decking company. For every 500 pounds of plastic collected, Trex donates a high-performance, composite bench made of the same eco-friendly material to the Parks and Recreation Department. One of the benches will be on display at the Recreation Center until it can be permanently placed at a Town facility.

The Farmers Market will continue to collect thin, single-use plastics in the Recreation Center parking lot on Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. starting May 20. Items that can be recycled include produce and bread bags, grocery bags, cereal box liners and ice bags, as well as resealable bags, and case wraps from bulk items like bottled water. You can also recycle newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, plastic shopping bags and bubble wrap.

Thank you to our community for recycling so well. We hope you'll continue to recycle your thin, single-use plastics with us at the Farmers Market this season!



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## IN THE KNOW

Summer is almost here, and we're celebrating the warmer weather with the Christiansburg Farmers Market! Starting May 20, come visit local vendors at the Rec Center parking lot from 3-7 p.m. on Thursdays. Thinking about taking on a renovation project this season? On the next page, check out what to do with the potentially hazardous waste you can find in structures built before 1980. It's been a year since the Town implemented its Neighborhood Services Division. On page two, read about the progress it's made towards beautifying Christiansburg in just one year!

## 2021 FARMERS MARKET SEASON

The Christiansburg Farmers Market will be open from May 20 through October 28 and operates every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. For the 2021 season, the Market will be temporarily moving to the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot at 1600 N. Franklin St. due to downtown storm drain construction on Hickok Street.

While we encourage customers to utilize online ordering whenever possible this season at [www.christiansburg.org/marketshop](http://www.christiansburg.org/marketshop), our vendors will still be set up in the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot each Thursday during market hours. Market staff will monitor customer density and restrict entry to the market as needed to ensure there is ample room for social distancing. We will also enforce social distancing guidelines by spacing vendors six feet apart.

Vendors for the 2021 season are below.

- Aloha Eddie Snow Cones
- Bent Mountain Barbecue
- Bird and Hopper Farm
- Carley's Kettle Corn
- Cavalier Farm
- Down in the Valley Egg Soaps
- Gracious Day Grains
- Granny Bean's Confections
- Heavenly Hill Honey
- Jim's Wood Turning
- KDR Art Studio
- Lens Crafts
- No Rest Farm
- Piemonte Provisions
- Red Fern Farm
- SNS Stitching
- Space Rabbit Coffee Co.
- Wanderlust Fabrication and Design
- Woo's Q Brew Gourmet BBQ Sauce

**WE MOVED**  
**DUE TO CONSTRUCTION!**



**EVERY THURS.**  
**MAY 20-OCT. 28**  
**FROM 3-7 P.M.**  
**@ REC CENTER PARKING LOT**

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## COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

It's been a year since the Town of Christiansburg implemented its Neighborhood Services Division. In that time, 758 complaints of potential code violations were filed—491 were closed due to voluntary compliance, 175 were closed due to no violations found and 92 cases are still open. The division made 1,343 site visits and inspections—53 lead to notices of violations and only one resulted in a court hearing.

The mission of the Neighborhood Services Division is to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents and to increase overall quality of life in the Town of Christiansburg by enhancing the appearance of neighborhoods and business districts to prevent blight, protect property values and grow economic conditions. It is our goal to obtain voluntarily compliance, whenever possible, by administering a fair and unbiased enforcement program.

Learn more info at [www.christiansburg.org/neighborhoodservices](http://www.christiansburg.org/neighborhoodservices).

## SWIM MEET

The Aquatic Center will be closed April 30–May 2 for the H2Okie Long Course Invitational swim meet. Please note that due to evolving COVID-19 restrictions, these details may change. Please visit [cacpool.com](http://cacpool.com) for the most up-to-date information.

## MOBILE CANCER SCREENING

On Friday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center (1600 N. Franklin St.), there will be a Mobile Cancer Screening event providing FREE screenings for breast, skin, colorectal and oral cancers. If you wish to schedule a screening, please call 434-297-5202. You will need to bring your ID and insurance card at the time of screening.

Educational booths will also be available with information on cancer prevention and treatment, lung cancer and HPV screenings, and vaccinations.

Healthcare experts will be on site to answer cancer-related questions. Please note, no childcare services will be provided.

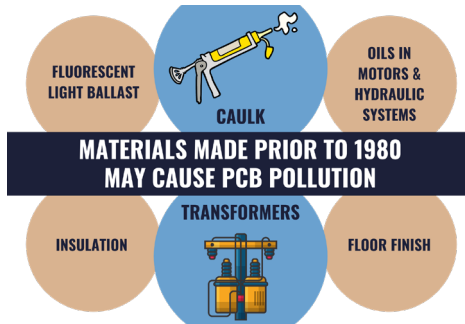
For more information, call 540-382-2349. In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed to Friday, May 28.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Are you thinking about taking on a summer project like remodeling or updating some of the older amenities of your property? Maybe it's a shed or outdoor garage you haven't touched in years?

Well, before you strip those building materials and replace them with new ones, the Town wants you to be aware that building materials manufactured before 1980 may contain PCBs.

PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, can be found in transformers and capacitors, fluorescent light ballasts, oils in motors and hydraulic systems, insulation materials, caulking and other materials.



PCBs may be released from these materials as they degrade or break. If remnants of this material land on the ground, it can allow PCBs to travel through runoff into storm sewers, streams and rivers. Due to this pollution, some local rivers have fish consumption advisories. Learn more about these advisories at [tinyurl.com/VAFishConsumptionAdvisories](http://tinyurl.com/VAFishConsumptionAdvisories).

To dispose of items that may possibly contain PCBs, please contact the New River Resource Authority about their **Household Hazardous Waste event on Saturday, May 15, 2021. This event is by appointment only. You may call 540-674-1677 to schedule an appointment.** The event will be held at 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road, Dublin, VA 24084, and will also be offering document shredding and electrical/universal waste disposal. Learn more about the Authority at [www.newriverresourceauthority.org](http://www.newriverresourceauthority.org).

To find out more about PCB pollution, please visit [tinyurl.com/VDHPCBs](http://tinyurl.com/VDHPCBs) and [tinyurl.com/USEPAPCBs](http://tinyurl.com/USEPAPCBs).

Christiansburg's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit allows the Town to discharge stormwater to our streams, and one requirement of this permit is to inform residents of PCB pollution.

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

### Memorial Day, May 31

Town Hall will be closed.

The Aquatic Center will be closed.

The Recreation Center will be closed.

Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Friday, May 28, with Friday's regular collection.

### Juneteenth, June 18 (observed)

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

Solid waste normally collected on Fridays will be collected on Thursday, June 17, with Thursday's regular collection.

## UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS\*

May 11 at 7 p.m.

May 25 at 7 p.m.

June 8 at 7 p.m.

June 22 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/publiccomment](http://www.christiansburg.org/publiccomment) 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).

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