

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

July/August 2021



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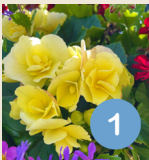
Plants Around Town

Last year the flowers downtown were a hit! We thought we'd share what types were planted this year.

Take a look at the photos for the common and scientific names of the plants in our hangers, boxes and beds around town.

A big thanks to Public Works for keeping our town beautiful!

1. Solenia Yellow Improved,
Begonia x hiemalis



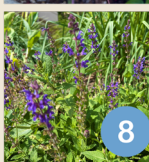
2. Snowstorm Pink Bacopa,
Sutera cordata



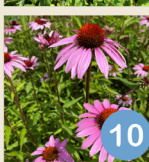
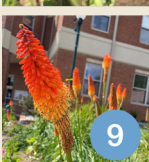
3. Boldly Dark Red Geranium,
Pelargonium interspecific



4. Canna Toucan Scarlet,
Canna generalis



5. West Indian Lantana,
Lantana camara



6. Seniorita Rosalita "Spider Flower,"
Cleome hybrid

7. Giant Coneflower,
Rudbeckia maxima

8. May Night Meadow Sage,
Salvia x sylvestris

9. Red Hot Poker, *Kniphofia*

10. Coneflower,
Echinacea magnus

IN THE KNOW

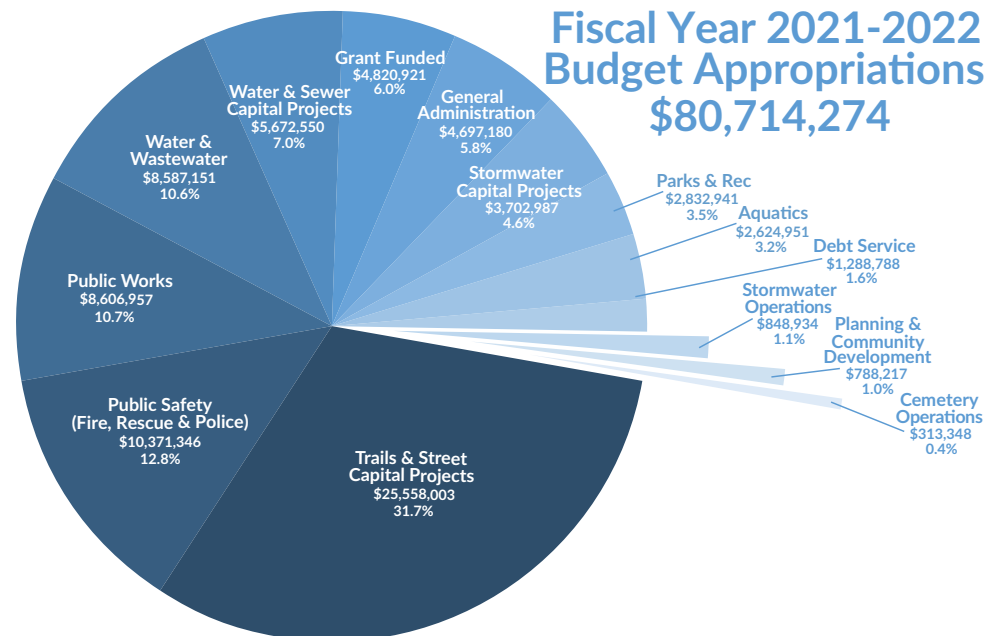
School may be out for the summer, but the Town of Christiansburg is staying busy. The budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 was adopted on June 22 (see below). Water rates are scheduled to increase on July 1. Learn more on page 2. Independence Day is observed on July 5 this year. Solid waste that would normally be collected on Monday, July 5, will be collected on Friday, July 2. The Town's annual Fourth of July Celebration will be on July 3. The festival downtown will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and fireworks will be launched from the new park location at 9:15 p.m. You can view them from the Uptown Christiansburg and Walmart parking lots.

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2021-22 BUDGET

Town Council approved the annual budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 on June 22.

Water rates increased to \$9 per month for 1,000 gallons, \$11 per 1,000 gallons consumed between 1,000-50,000 gallons per month, and \$8.25 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. Real estate and personal property tax rates remain unchanged. Four new positions were added—one in Fire, one in Rescue and two in Parks and Recreation.

You can find a copy of the full budget at www.christiansburg.org/budget.



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DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

In 2020, the Town of Christiansburg detected ten regulated and one unregulated contaminants in the drinking water. However, these contaminants were at allowable levels and no health-based violations were reported. Please go to www.christiansburg.org/drinkingwater to view the 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and learn more about the source and quality of your drinking water. If you would like a print copy of the report mailed to you, or to speak with someone about the report, please contact the Engineering Department at (540) 382-6120 or visit Christiansburg Town Hall.

For more information about how the Town of Christiansburg maintains the safety of your drinking water and to view previous years' reports, go to www.christiansburg.org/waterquality.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



Fins Summer Camp Princess and Prince Day June 23

WATER RATES CHANGING

New water rates were adopted July 1 at \$9 per month for 1,000 gallons, \$11 per 1,000 gallons consumed between 1,000–50,000 gallons per month, and \$8.25 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 50,000 gallons. Sewer rates remain unchanged. Increased rates are due to the New River Valley Regional Water Authority, which sells water wholesale to the Town of Christiansburg, 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.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Did you know that dumping anything down a drain or manhole into the wastewater system is illegal? Gasoline, diesel and chemicals may produce an explosive environment in the pipes that lead right to your home or business. Yikes! Talk about a big bang...

Please properly dispose of unwanted gasoline, motor oil or chemicals by contacting the New River Resource Authority at 540-674-1677. A free collection event is scheduled for September 11, 2021. You may call in August to make an appointment.

Reminder, please flush only the 3 Ps—pee, poo and paper. Even if the packaging says so, wipes are not flushable and can clog pipes, causing costly repairs for you and the Town.



AQUATIC CENTER UPDATES

SWIM MEETS

July 9-11

Virginia Swimming Summer Awards

July 23-24

Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association City/County Championships

ANNUAL SHUTDOWN POSTPONED

CORRECTION: The Aquatic Center's annual shut down for maintenance has been postponed. The facility will now be open August 16-27.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY

Independence Day, July 5 (observed)

Town Hall will be closed July 5.

The Aquatic Center will be closed July 4 & 5.

The Recreation Center will be closed July 4 & 5.

Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Friday, July 2, with Friday's regular collection.

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS*

July 13 at 7 p.m.

July 27 at 7 p.m.

August 10 at 7 p.m.

August 24 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 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. All meetings are recorded and posted to the Town's YouTube page at www.christiansburg.org/YouTube.

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