

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

January/February 2022



COMMUNITY CORNER

Three New Councilmembers

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, three newly elected Christiansburg councilmembers were sworn-in for their terms beginning in January. Mayor Mike Barber was also sworn-in for a third term.



Congratulations to Casey Jenkins, Tim Wilson and Tanya Hockett!

Additionally, members of Town Council expressed their gratitude for the years of service from the three incumbents whose terms conclude at the end of December.



Thank you to Steve Huppert, Merissa Sachs and Brad Stipes!

To contact all members of Town Council, email towncouncil@christiansburg.org.

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IN THE KNOW

It's a new year! With that, many of you may have a resolution. Did you know that the Recreation Center and all its amenities are free to Christiansburg residents? Learn more at christiansburg.org/reccenter. Be sure to review the new 2022 collection calendar at christiansburg.org/collectioncalendar, which is also inserted in your bill. Unfortunately, though 2021 is behind us, the pandemic isn't over yet. The New River Health District and the Centers for Disease Control are recommending booster shots approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the vaccinated public. Learn more at NRVRoadtoWellness.com. Happy New Year, Christiansburg!

COMMUNITY HEALTH: PLEASE SCOOP THE POOP

Christiansburg has beautiful streams that provide recreational, aesthetic and health benefits for everyone to enjoy. However, these waterways are considered impaired, or overloaded, with E. coli. This means that the Town must take actions to monitor and reduce the bacteria levels present in the water as part of its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program, which aims to improve overall water quality.

Many may not realize that a large contributor to waterway impairment is from the bacteria found in pet waste. When pet waste is left on the ground, it gets washed away by rain into stormwater drains and eventually carried out to streams in Town.

Studies by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) show that pet waste can contribute to nearly 20 percent of the bacteria found in waterways. The presence of this bacteria can be harmful to the health of residents and their pets.

So, please scoop the poop. This is an easy way to do your part to save yourself and your neighbors from harmful exposure to bacteria, and as an added bonus, it also keeps our community beautiful.

Bagged pet waste can be disposed with household trash, but if you're out walking through town, you can find these pet waste stations (pictured) in downtown, along trails and in our community parks. Be sure to thoroughly wash your hands, then log your efforts to keep our town safe at our MS4 Public Participation App at <http://arcg.is/1iC0aL0>.



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WINTER WEATHER

If you have a sidewalk in front of your home/business, please keep it clear of snow and ice. Town Code requires it be cleared within 24 hours of your street being plowed.

Snow plowing will deposit snow along street shoulders, curbs and driveway openings. Because of this, it is recommended that residents shovel driveways **after** their street is plowed.

When facing the street, shovel snow to the right or into your yard to minimize the amount that may get plowed back into your driveway.

If inclement weather is expected, please avoid parking on the street. Parking on the street prevents snow plows from fully and safely clearing the street and may result in vehicle damage.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



The Fire Department hosted Santa's Coming to Town for a third year.



Santa spread holiday cheer throughout Christiansburg Dec. 13-17.

SWIM MEETS

- Jan. 6** CHS Dual Meet
- Jan. 8** VT Hokie Belt Challenge #3
- Jan. 11** CHS Dual Meet
- Jan. 15** VT vs UVA
- Jan. 16** H2Okie MLK Meet
- Jan. 20** CHS Dual Meet
- Jan. 21-22** VT vs Penn State
- Jan. 25** CHS Dual Meet
- Feb. 1** CHS Dual Meet
- Feb. 4-6** VT Invitational
- Feb. 7** VHSL Regional Dive Meet
- Feb. 8** VHSL Regional 3D Champs (Christiansburg)
- Feb. 9** VHSL Regional 4D Champs (Blacksburg)
- Feb. 10** VHSL Regional 2C Champs (Radford)
- Feb. 15-19** Colonial Athletic Association Swim and Dive Championships
- Feb. 25-27** VA Swimming SW District and Blue Ridge Region Champs

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MONDAY, JAN. 17

Town Hall and the Aquatic Center will be closed. The Recreation Center will be closed Jan. 14-17 for the Rockstar Invitational Gymnastics Meet.

Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday, Jan. 18, along with Tuesday's regular collection.

GEORGE WASHINGTON DAY MONDAY, FEB. 21

Town Hall and the Aquatic Center will be closed. The Recreation Center will be open regular hours, but administrative offices will be closed.

Solid waste and recycling normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday, Feb. 22, along with Tuesday's regular collection.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS*

- Jan. 11** at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25** at 7 p.m.

- Feb. 8** at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 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 to ensure resident access and safety.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas tree collection will run weekdays from Jan. 3-14.

Please leave your tree **free of decorations** at the curb for collection.



COVID VACCINE BOOSTER

Booster shots are now available for people who completed a 2-dose series of Pfizer COVID-19 or Moderna vaccines at least 6 months ago or a single dose of Johnson & Johnson at least 2 months ago. Learn more at NRVRoadtoWellness.com.

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