

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

March/April 2022

COMMUNITY CORNER

Help Name the New Park

The Town needs your help narrowing the list of names for the new 63-acre park off of Peppers Ferry Road!

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has pre-selected names for residents to choose their favorites for the park.

Visit Town Hall, the Aquatic Center or the Recreation Center to pick the best names from the list before March 28.

A permanent name will be voted on by Town Council soon after ballots close, so stay tuned!

Learn more about the park in the construction update to the right.



IN THE KNOW

Spring is almost here, and the Town is preparing for warmer weather! Spring Cleanup will run from April 4-15. We've got other events coming up, too! Check out the Spring Kickoff Festival in the Recreation Center parking lot on April 2 from 5-8 p.m. Virginia Tech's annual Big Event is on April 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. More info on requesting a job on the next page. Catch the Easter Bunny at the Great Christiansburg Easter Egg Hunt at Kiwanis Park on April 16 at 10 a.m. Registration opens April 2 at 10 a.m. for Fins Summer Camp at the Aquatic Center, and the Montgomery-Floyd Library System is offering a summer reading program; learn more about upcoming events on the following page. See you around Christiansburg!

NEW 63-ACRE PARK COMING END OF 2022

Peppers Ferry Road may be looking a little different lately at its intersection with Quin W Stewart Boulevard NW.

Construction of a 63-acre park has been underway since the Town broke ground in May 2021. Significant progress has been made on the project with approximately 85 percent of the mass grading complete.



Additionally, construction of the following items has also progressed:

- Booker T. Washington Parkway at 80 percent,
- stormwater basins at 75 percent,
- storm sewer at 78 percent,
- sanitary sewer at 96 percent,
- water line at 85 percent,
- internal roads and parking at 38 percent, and
- the hilltop pavilion at 15 percent.

Construction of the multipurpose fields and inclusive playground are expected to begin this spring and continue into the fall. The park is estimated to be complete by the end of 2022.

Learn more about the park and its recreation amenities coming to Christiansburg at www.christiansburg.org/signaturepark.

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GREEN BENEFITS TO GRASS & GARDENS

Spring is right around the corner, and so is the yard work that comes with it. Green grass and gardens are not only beautiful but also help prevent erosion.

Kids and pets trek through your yard? Consider organic mulches for high traffic areas.

Grass not growing? Try alternatives like moss for damp, shady places or native trees, shrubs or groundcover plants just about anywhere else.

Really want grass? Pick the right species for your needs. There are types of grass that don't need to be watered, grasses that only grow six inches, grass for high-traffic areas, grasses for almost anything except shade. Find more information at ext.vt.edu/lawn-garden.

Retaining soil and grass clippings on your yard keeps them out of storm drains and helps Christiansburg meet the goals set in its Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.



The flower bed outside Town Hall requires moderate maintenance from Public Works and combats erosion.

SWIM MEETS

March 25-27 USA Swimming Eastern Zone Speedo Sectionals

April 22-24 USA Diving Region 2 Championships

April 29-May 1 H2Okie May Day Invite

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS*

March 8 at 7 p.m. **April 12 at 7 p.m.**

March 22 at 7 p.m. **April 26 at 7 p.m.**

*Meetings are held in Council Chambers at Town Hall. Opportunity to provide public comment in person will be provided; however, contactless comment methods are also available at christiansburg.org/publiccomment.

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

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENTS IN APRIL

Spring Kickoff Festival:

Dancing Through the Decades

April 2 from 5-8 p.m.

in the Recreation Center parking lot

Ages 21 and older

Spring Cleanup

April 4-15 for FAQs about what items will be accepted during Spring Cleanup, please visit christiansburg.org/cleanupFAQ.

The Big Event at Virginia Tech

April 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents interested in requesting a job to be completed during the Big Event, fill out a form at registration.vtbigevent.org/jobrequest.

NRV Home Expo

April 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 10 from noon to 5 p.m.

at the Recreation Center

The Great Easter Egg Hunt

April 16 at Kiwanis Park

Ages 3-5 hunt at 10 a.m.

Ages 6-8 hunt at 10:15 a.m.

Ages 9-12 hunt at 10:30 a.m.

Ages under 3 hunt at 10:45 a.m.

Shred-A-Thon

April 26 from 3-6 p.m.

in the Recreation Center parking lot

UPCOMING OR RECURRING EVENTS

Car Seat Installation & Safety Checks

Each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Police Station

Third Thursday of each month from 4-6 p.m. at the Fire Station

Rockin' Main Street

May 14 from 5-9 p.m. on Main Street

Farmers Market

Each Thursday, beginning May 19 from 3-7 p.m. in the Recreation Center parking lot

Fins Summer Camp

Weekly June 6-Aug. 5

from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

for rising students in grades 1-4

Registration is in person only beginning 10 a.m. April 2

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE

Did you know Parks and Recreation offers a free tax aide to help you with filing your taxes? Call 540-382-2349 during business hours to schedule an appointment.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Starting June 1, dive into Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library's Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program! Track your reading online and win fantastic prizes. Be on the lookout for an upcoming calendar of events at mfri.org!

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