

# The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

November/December 2023



## EVENTS

### CALLS FROM THE NORTH POLE

Dec. 4 and 5

Santa will personally call children 8-years-old and under starting at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 5. Register by Nov. 27 at [www.christiansburg.org/callsfromthenorthpole](http://www.christiansburg.org/callsfromthenorthpole)

### CHRISTMAS ON MAIN - Dec. 8

#### MARKET

5-8 p.m. on Hickok St.

#### TREE LIGHTING

6:50 p.m. at Town Square

#### PARADE

7 p.m. on Main St.

### WINTER WONDERLAND - Dec. 9

6-8 p.m. at the Recreation Center

Join us for a fun, FREE evening of Christmas-themed games, activities in Santa's Workshop, hot chocolate and cookies, Christmas caroling, a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, and much more!

### SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN

Dec. 11-15 from 6-9 p.m.

See Santa on a fire truck in your neighborhood. Route info TBD.

### LIGHT UP YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS - Dec. 19

Submit your home decorations to [www.christiansburg.org/lightupyourhome](http://www.christiansburg.org/lightupyourhome) by Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. to enter the contest. Submissions will be added to a map for citizens to visit & enjoy. The top ten entries will be posted to Facebook on Dec. 15 for voting. Voting will conclude Dec. 18 and the winner will be announced Dec. 19.

Want to stay in the know?

Sign up for our Notify Me and Citizen Alert systems

to receive Town info via phone, text or email.

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## WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS



Winter is coming, and it never hurts to brush up on our winter weather knowledge before the first snow of the season.

In anticipation of incoming winter weather, Public Works crews will apply salt brine to the roads. Crews will also de-ice roads and plow snow. Primary roads (main thoroughfares with a high traffic volume) are always cleared first to ensure that snow removal crews and emergency vehicles are able to access all areas in town. There are over 50 primary roads in the Town of Christiansburg.

Non-primary roads are considered secondary roads. During winter weather, secondary roads are treated and cleared in alternating order so the same streets are not always addressed last. There are over 400 secondary roads in the Town of Christiansburg. Because of the large number of streets requiring attention, Public Works crews cannot respond to special requests to clear roads for medical, work or other reasons.

During the winter, you may notice an increase in the number of water line breaks around Town. This is perfectly normal. As the seasons change, temperatures fluctuate, causing the ground to shift. This means water lines can shift as well, which sometimes leads to a break. To report a water line break during normal business hours, please call the Public Works Department at 540-382-1151. If you need to report a break after business hours, please call the Police Department's nonemergency line at 540-382-4343.



### VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

Christiansburg Recreation Center  
Wednesday, Nov. 8  
9 a.m. – Noon  
FREE

This event will assist in connecting veterans to benefits and resources in their community while also promoting a network of services to veterans in the New River Valley.

Door prizes will be awarded to those in attendance. There will also be light refreshments.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

End of Year Updates

### LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION

Loose leaf collection will run weekdays from Nov. 6 to Dec. 29, 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.

### TREE COLLECTION

Christmas tree collection will run weekdays from Jan. 2-12, 2024. Please leave your tree at the curb for collection.



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Have a question? Let us know!

540-382-6128, ext. 1151

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## AQUATIC CENTER



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Tackle the Tower

Nov. 11, 1-3 p.m.  
Dec. 16, 1-3 p.m.

1 meter diving boards and  
5-meter platform open to the  
public.

Fee: Daily admission or  
membership

#### Santa and the Blue Elves Donation Drive

Donations accepted anytime  
at the Aquatic Center  
through Dec. 10.

Items needed are childrens  
toys and winter clothing (hats,  
gloves, socks, coats).

#### New Year's Splash

Dec. 29

More details to come!



#### Write your Heart Out: Therapeutic Journaling Workshop

Christiansburg Recreation Center- Senior Activities Room

Mondays, Nov. 6, 13, 20  
10-11:30 a.m.  
FREE; pre-register

Grieving is a club no one wants to be a part of. Whatever you have lost, or are grieving (a death, a divorce, the loss of a dear pet, or something else precious to you), journaling is a research-confirmed strategy to help you cope. In this workshop, we will touch on some of the plentiful research on journaling, respond to weekly prompts and talk about journaling overall. Participants are never required to share - this is a safe place for you to write. Please bring a journal or notebook, markers or crayons and materials to decorate your pages, if you're so inclined. For those interested, we'll also be discussing creative approaches to journaling feelings.

For more information, please contact Tammy Caldwell: 540-382-2349 ext. 2003 or [tcaldwell@christiansburg.org](mailto:tcaldwell@christiansburg.org).

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## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

### CHRISTMAS (OBSERVED), DEC. 22-25

Town Hall will be closed Friday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Dec. 25.

The Aquatic Center will be open on Friday, Dec. 22 and Saturday, Dec. 23, but administrative offices will be closed. The Aquatic Center will be closed Sunday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 25.

The Recreation Center will be open on Friday, Dec. 22, but administrative offices will be closed. The Recreation Center will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 25.

Solid waste and recycling normally scheduled for Friday, Dec. 22, will be collected Thursday, Dec. 21, along with Thursday's regular collection.

Solid waste and recycling normally scheduled for Monday, Dec. 25, will be collected Tuesday, Dec. 26, along with Tuesday's regular collection.

### NEW YEARS DAY (OBSERVED), DEC. 31-JAN. 1

Town Hall will be closed Monday, Jan. 1.

The Aquatic and Recreation Centers will be closed Sunday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 1.

Solid waste and recycling normally scheduled for Monday, Jan. 1, will be collected Tuesday, Jan. 2 along with Tuesday's regular collection.

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS\*

Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

Due to the upcoming holidays, the Nov. 28 and Dec. 26 Town Council meeting dates have been cancelled.

\*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.

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).