

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

July/August 2024



UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM UPGRADES

The Town is excited to announce that in late October of 2024, we will be launching a new billing software and website for viewing your bills, usage and making payments. The Town will also be able to notify you by text or email regarding high water usage, disconnects, water breaks and more.

Please be sure that your mobile phone or email is on file and up to date with the Finance Department. Your August utility bill will include more information on the new system.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the Christiansburg Dept. of Parks and Recreation for winning the 2024 Renee' S. Brown award presented by The Arc of the New River Valley.

The award shines light on people or organizations who embody the Arc's vision: "People with disabilities leading full, rich lives as active contributing members of their communities."

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2024-25 BUDGET

Town Council approved the annual budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 on June 11, 2024. Rates for water and sewer, personal property tax and solid waste collection all remain unchanged. There are four, new full-time positions proposed in this budget; two for the Rescue Department to assure proper call coverage, one for the Fire Department and one for the Police Department. The Police Department position will be funded in its first year by a grant, to comply with provisions of the Marcus Act.

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

Service Line Discovery Program



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The Public Works Department is implementing the Service Line Discovery Program in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR). The rule requires all utility services organizations to create an inventory of utility and private service lines. This requirement affects all utility (public and private) services throughout the country and contains a variety of communication requirements including public outreach. According to the EPA, the goal of this program is to identify and protect against lead exposure in the United States. Fortunately, there is no record of publicly owned lead service lines in the Town's distribution system.

For more information on the Service Line Discovery Program,
visit Christiansburg.org/SLDiscovery.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fourth of July Celebration

July 4, Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on W. Main St. and Hickok St., Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. viewable from Walmart and Uptown Christiansburg

Senior Citizens Police Academy

Monday-Friday July 22-26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center – Senior Activities Room

FREE to attend

For ages 50+

Registration Deadline: July 8

Applications can be picked up at Christiansburg Recreation Center. Please contact Tammy Caldwell at 540-382-2349 ext. 2003 or email: tcaldwell@christiansburg.org. Participants will undergo a background check.

Rockin' Main Street Concert

Saturday, August 10 from 5-9 p.m. in Downtown Christiansburg

Live performances by Lucas Fowler & Ol' Fashioned and Travis Reigh

Aquatic Center Swim Meets

July 16 SVSL Championship Meet

July 19-20 RVAA City/County Meet

July 25-28 VA Swimming Long Course Age Group Champs

CLOSURES

Independence Day

July 4

Town of Christiansburg facilities, including the Aquatic and Recreation Centers, will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Solid waste and recycling normally collected on Thursdays will be collected on Friday, July 5, along with Friday's regular collection.



Aquatic Center

Aug. 12-23

The Aquatic Center will be closed August 12-23 for annual maintenance procedures. This closure allows staff to complete maintenance that can not be performed while remaining open to the public.

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!

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 August 10, 2024. Please call to make an appointment.

For more information on the New River Resource Authority, visit newriverresourceauthority.org

DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available. Please go to www.christiansburg.org/drinkingwater to view 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.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS*

July 9 at 7 p.m.

August 13 at 7 p.m.

July 23 at 7 p.m.

August 27 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.

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

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