

Sept./Oct. 2015



# The Christiansburg Connection



## MAYOR'S CORNER

Now that school has started, summer has come to a close and with it, tournament season.

From March through the end of August, staff at the Aquatic and Recreation Centers were extremely busy. Combined, the two departments hosted a total of 35 events, bringing in approximately 11,500 participants and 40,000 spectators. The NRV Superbowl hosted state tournaments to bring in an additional 9,000 visitors to Christiansburg.

Visitors from all over the East Coast rented hotel rooms, purchased meals in local restaurants and grocery stores, and provided a significant impact to our local economy.

With every tournament, our community prospers, and not just economically. Visitors frequently comment on the friendliness of Christiansburg and I couldn't agree more.

After all, no matter the season, our community is truly small town living at its best!

~ D. Michael Barber

## Upcoming Meetings & Events:

### Christiansburg Farmers' Market

Thursdays, from 3 - 7 p.m. on Hickok Street  
Runs every Thursday through October

### Wilderness Trail Festival

Downtown Christiansburg  
Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Labor Day Holiday - Monday, September 7

Town Hall Closed  
Aquatic Center open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(administrative office closed)  
Recreation Center closed

### Fire Prevention Parade

Main Street, Downtown Christiansburg  
Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m.

### Town Council Meetings

Tuesday, September 8 at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 27 at 7 p.m.

Town Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 100 East Main Street.

Never miss a meeting! Sign up for meeting notifications at [www.christiansburg.org/notifyme](http://www.christiansburg.org/notifyme).

As the seasons change, summer camps give way to fall sports and falling leaves. Speaking of leaves, Fall Clean Up is scheduled for October 17-30 (find more info on the opposite page). Leaf pickup will begin November 9.

Water meter installation is ongoing and is expected to be complete in November. Visit [www.christiansburg.org/capitalprojects](http://www.christiansburg.org/capitalprojects) for more information.

Finally, don't miss any of the action going on downtown! The Wilderness Trail Festival comes to Main Street on Saturday, September 19. Be sure to visit the Christiansburg Farmers' Market before the inaugural season comes to a close in October! The market operates every Thursday from 3 - 7 p.m. on Hickok St. Last but not least, mark your calendar for the Fire Prevention Parade on Tuesday, October 6. See you there!

## Buddy Ol' Pal

This summer, Christiansburg Parks & Recreation and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) teamed up for their first Jill's Buddy Camp. This half-day, two-week long camp offered children with delayed development a chance to interact with a teenage buddy.

Jill's Buddy Camp is designed to serve as the MCPS Extended School Year (ESY).

Campers participated in individual and small group activities in speech, language, fine and gross motor, and social skills development, along with field trips in the community.



*Buddies feed goats together at 5J Farm.*

Field trips included traveling to places such as the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, 5J Farm, Wall Farm, Virginia Tech Athletics, New River Valley Superbowl and more. Buddies provided positive role models for the campers and, in return, the campers were role models for their buddies.



*Jill's Buddy Camp pairs teenage buddies with young campers.*

"This camp is a great experience for everyone involved, not just the campers, but the buddies and administrators as well. We often get caught up in the daily grind of administrative duties but this program as developed a level of excitement for me that has reemphasized why I chose the field of recreation as a career to begin with," said Brad Epperley, Director of Parks & Recreation.

Jill's Buddy Camp is named in memory of Jill Bailey Chenet, a dedicated 'buddy.'

Funds to operate next year's camp were raised during the Nations World Series' Home Run Derby in July.



Would you like to be involved with Jill's Buddy Camp? Please contact Director of Parks and Recreation Brad Epperley at (540) 382-2349 / [bepperley@christiansburg.org](mailto:bepperley@christiansburg.org) to find more information on the program.

# Frequently Asked...

## When is Trick-or-Treating?



The Town does not regulate trick-or-treating. However, some businesses in town hold Halloween events. Many families trick-or-treat in local neighborhoods until dark.

## Fall Festival - October 17

Join the Christiansburg Police Department, New River Valley Mall & Montgomery County - Radford City-Floyd County Branch of the NAACP for the Fall Festival from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on October 17 at the New River Valley Mall. Enjoy inflatables, train rides & a fish fry!

## Get Involved

### 2015 Undies Drive: September 1 – 30

Donate new pack of children's or teen undies to the Aquatic or Recreation Centers to be delivered to the Montgomery County Christmas Store.

### Give A Kid A Coat: October 10 – November 8

Donate gently used or new coats to the Aquatic Center to be delivered to the Montgomery County Christmas Store.

## Upcoming Races

### Eight Mile Bridge Walk Challenge : September 12

### Huckleberry Hustle 5k: October 31

Includes costume contest and Trunk or Treat!

Learn more about these races and how to register at [www.christiansburg.org/recreation](http://www.christiansburg.org/recreation)

## Fall Clean Up October 17-30

Fall Clean Up is scheduled from Saturday, October 17 through Friday, October 30. During clean up, place materials in a separate pile from your regular trash, within 10 feet of the street. Please note these items may be collected outside of your regular collection day.

Important reminders:

- Fees apply for items placed out after October 30.
- Separate materials into piles by material type.
- Loose materials, except for leaves, must be placed in containers not exceeding 32 gallons.
- The Town will not be responsible for items placed at or near the street that are not intended for pick up.
- Please avoid placing materials over sanitary sewer clean outs, water meters, other utility boxes, or in ditches.
- The Town does not pick up household hazardous waste. Citizens are encouraged to call (540) 382-1151 for clarification before placing out questionable items.

Visit [www.christiansburg.org/cleanup](http://www.christiansburg.org/cleanup) for more information.

## Say NO to (Expired, Unused, Unwanted) Drugs

Do you know how long has it been since you've cleaned out your medicine cabinet? Chances are, your cabinet is full of prescribed medications that are no longer needed and out of date.

In addition to offering Drug Take Back events throughout the year, the Christiansburg Police Department will now accept unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs year round.

Through a donation from CVS, a drop off box has been installed in the main lobby of the Christiansburg Police Department, 10 East Main Street.

You may drop off your unwanted prescriptions Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., no questions asked.

Disposing of medications properly can help prevent poisoning of children and pets; deter misuse by teenagers and adults; avoid health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine; too much of the same medicine; or a medicine that is too old to work well. By using the drug take back box, you also help keep medicines from entering streams and rivers when poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet.

We **cannot** accept any of the following:

- Thermometers
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Needles or other sharps
- Inhalers
- Medicines from businesses or clinics
- Ointments, lotions, liquids

*For more information, please call the Christiansburg Police Department at (540) 382-3131.*



## Snapshot! Town photos & events



Kayla Schulze and Morgan Fenton take a break from their World Series duties. Christiansburg Parks & Recreation hosted the Nations World Series from July 8 - 12 at the Harkrader Sports Complex. Christiansburg teamed up with Radford and Virginia Tech Universities to host the World Series.

Have questions? Let us know!  
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