



# The Christiansburg Connection

Jan./Feb. 2017

## At Your Service: Employee Spotlight



Curtis Whitt joined the Town as Deputy Fire Marshal in September 2014. The Deputy Fire Marshal enforces fire code through building inspections and performs investigations in fire incidents. Whitt is also involved in hazmat safety and prevention.

### What is your favorite part of your job?

My favorite part is dealing with the public because I love talking to people.

### How did you get involved in fire services?

I grew up in it. I was raised in it, and it seemed like the natural fit. I've been volunteering in fire services for 30 years.

### What is your favorite moment from your career so far?

I served as the President of the Southwest Virginia Firefighter's Association from 2001-2002. My father was president for a time, which makes me one of three second-generation presidents. It means a lot to be recognized and elected by my peers.

### Where are some of your favorite places in Christiansburg?

I have a degree in Architecture, so I love to see the older sections of town.

Read the complete interview at [www.christiansburg.org/connection](http://www.christiansburg.org/connection)

## Winter Swim Calendar

Jan. 6-7	VT v. Georgia Tech & Kentucky
Jan. 20-21	VT v. University of Cincinnati & Rutgers
Feb. 4-5	VT Invite
Feb. 8-11	Appalachian Swim Conference
Feb. 15	VHSL 2A Championship
Feb. 17-18	VISSA Championship (Virginia Independent Schools)
Feb. 21-25	Colonial Athletic Conference Championship

To find information about more events and programs, please visit  
[www.christiansburg.org/events](http://www.christiansburg.org/events)

## In The Know

Happy 2017! The past year was one of exciting change and renewed energy for Christiansburg - a new town manager, an enhanced downtown with new sidewalks and street lights, an expanded Huckleberry Trail, a new park on John Lemley Lane, the Police Department's third floor renovation and the opening of the regional 911 authority over the summer. We're looking forward to discovering what the new year has in store.

We got a jump start this fall when Town Council and staff met to discuss Christiansburg's future at the 2016 Town Council Retreat. At this event, staff shared current projects and goals with Council members to help shape Destination 2022, an update to Council's Vision 2020. We're excited to share Destination 2022 with you in the coming months. Stay tuned!

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## Snow Way!

Every year, Public Works begins preparing months in advance for the winter season, and this year was no exception. Approximately 1,200 tons of rock salt is on hand to assist in weather events. Trucks are equipped after each shift to prepare for after-hours precipitation, making it easier for drivers to come in and clear the streets faster.

Speaking of streets, Public Works is responsible for keeping 249 lane miles clear in the town of Christiansburg. While winter weather is coming down, our trucks continuously clear 53 primary roads. Only after the weather has stopped do trucks move to the remaining 392 secondary roads. This is to make sure that our emergency vehicles have a safe route to assist those in need. But please be assured, **ALL public streets will be cleared during weather events.**

While it's still dry, crews can prep the streets up to 48 hours before a weather event with salt brine. The solution of water and sodium chloride (rock salt) prevents a bond from forming between precipitation and the roadway. However, if a snow event occurs after rainy weather, salt brine is ineffective and rock salt is used on the streets instead. Public Works crews work hard to clear all roads in town within 48 hours of a weather event. However, the severity of weather may impact this timeframe.

For questions about snow removal, please call (540) 382-1151 or visit [christiansburg.org/winterweather](http://christiansburg.org/winterweather).



About 1,200 tons of rock salt is stored in a round shelter at the Town's Public Works facility.

## Frequently Asked...

What does the Town do with all those leaves?

On average, the Town collects 875 tons of leaves during pickup each year.

From there, the leaves are taken to a Town facility on Route 114, where they are stored for giveaway. Public Works schedules a number of leaf giveaways throughout the year.



## Holiday Collections & Closures

### Lee-Jackson Day

Friday, January 13

Tuesday pickup (with regular collection)

Town Hall Closed

Aquatic Center open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(admin. office closed)

Recreation Center open 5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

(admin. office closed)

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 16

Wednesday pickup (with regular collection)

Town Hall Closed

Aquatic Center open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(admin. office closed)

Recreation Center open 5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

(admin. office closed)

### President's Day

Monday, February 20

Tuesday pickup (with regular collection)

Town Hall Closed

Aquatic Center open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(admin. office closed)

Recreation Center open 5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

(admin. office closed)

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Town Council Meetings

Town Hall, 100 East Main Street

Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

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

## What should I do when it snows?

First and foremost - be safe! If at all possible, stay at home during winter storms and off the roads.

If winter weather is expected, please do not park on the street. This helps snow plows do their job and avoids possible damage to your vehicle.

If you have a sidewalk in front of your home, wait until the snow plow comes through before clearing the sidewalk and/or your driveway. Please remember sidewalks must be cleared 24 hours after the streets are plowed. Be sure to take plenty of breaks to avoid any injuries or health risks.

Aim to shovel snow to the right or into your yard. Because snow plowing requires snow to be deposited along street shoulders and curbs, this will minimize the amount of snow that gets pushed back into your driveway. Stay safe out there!

## Christiansburg Rescue develops sepsis protocol

Sepsis is a complication caused by the body's overwhelming response to infection and is a leading cause of death. For years, Christiansburg Rescue has been ahead of the curve, identifying septic patients based on lactic acid testing while they're still in the ambulance. Now, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery is on board - after Christiansburg Rescue identifies a septic patient, the hospital will activate a "Sepsis Alert," bringing specialized resources to the ER and expediting the patient's access to care and the needed medicines. That extra time saved may make a critical difference!

## Nominate someone outstanding!

Do you know a person or organization that contributes to Christiansburg in a big way? In December, Town Council added a citizen recognition portion to meeting agendas. This time is specifically set aside to recognize all the amazing things that happen in our community.

If you know someone who fits the bill, you can let us know via a recommendation form at [www.christiansburg.org](http://www.christiansburg.org) or by calling (540) 382-6128 ext. 1151.

## Snapshot! Town photos & events



*Despite the cold temps, Main Street was packed on Dec. 9 for Christmasburg, starting with Christmas at the Market and followed by the annual tree lighting and Christmas Parade.*



Have questions? Let us know!  
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