



March/April 2017

# The Christiansburg Connection

The first week of April is Local Government Education Week, and we're looking



## Mayor's Corner

forward to celebrating the town council-town manager form of government. In this form of government, the council appoints a town manager to act as administrative head of the Town and carry out policies established by council.

We love sharing how we operate, and during Local Government Education Week, we'll be partnering with Montgomery County Public Schools to host events and programming for local students.

But if you're interested in learning more about local government, you don't have to be a 5th grader to get involved! Sign up for the Montgomery-Christiansburg Citizens Academy in the fall, register for The Only Place to Know program at the Recreation Center, attend a Town Council meeting or join a committee. We'd love to have you.

## Events Calendar

### NRVHBA Home Expo

Friday, March 10 from 4 - 8 p.m.  
Saturday, March 11 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sunday, March 12 from 12 - 5 p.m.  
Christiansburg Recreation Center

### Tackle the Tower

Sunday, March 26 from 2 - 4 p.m.  
Christiansburg Aquatic Center

### The Great Christiansburg Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m.  
Kiwanis Park (behind Southern States)

### VIN Etching

Monday, April 17 from 3 - 7 p.m.  
Christiansburg Fire Department

### Shred A Thon

Tuesday, April 18 from 3 - 6 p.m.  
Christiansburg Recreation Center

### Tackle the Tower

Sunday, April 23 from 2-4 p.m.  
Christiansburg Aquatic Center

### Swim Meets

**March 4-8:**  
NCAA Zone A Diving Championship

**March 9-12:**  
9-12 Age Group Champs

**March 30-April 2:**  
USA Swimming Sectionals

**April 28-30:**  
HOKI Meet

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

## In The Know

We're not sure about you, but here at the Town, we're excited for spring and all the events and programming the season brings. In March, the NRVHBA Home Expo takes place at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. Come out from March 10-12 to find ideas for your next home project! On April 15, the Great Christiansburg Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Kiwanis Park - and will be bigger than ever!

At the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, there's no need to worry about spring break or early school release! Register for Fins Spring Break Camp on April 14 and 17 or for Club CAC on March 7, April 12 and April 26. Fins Spring Break runs each day from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is open to kids ages 6-11. The camp costs \$50. Club CAC is available for grades K-5 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. Each afternoon session costs \$10. Register online at [www.cacpool.com](http://www.cacpool.com) or call (540) 381-POOL (7665).

As we have in years past, we'll be planting pinwheels from NRV Cares in front of Town Hall in April for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Be sure to check them out! Visit [www.nrvcares.org](http://www.nrvcares.org) for more information.

Do you know someone in the community doing great work in Christiansburg? Don't keep it to yourself - let us know!

Simply visit [www.christiansburg.org](http://www.christiansburg.org) to recommend an outstanding citizen or organization. Recommendations can also be made by calling (540) 382-6128 ext. 1150.

follow us:



## Spring Cleanup is coming April 15-28

Now's the chance to do some spring cleaning! Before you set your items out at the curb for pickup, remember these guidelines.

Make sure to place cleanup items within 10 feet of the street pavement and separate them from your regular trash. Please also separate materials by type, and do not block drainage ditches, gutters, sidewalks, water meters or sewer cleanouts.

The Town will pick up items such as furniture; appliances; passenger car & truck tires (limit 4 per household; no larger than 20-inches); tire rims; tree limbs, trimmings, brush; tree stumps; leaves (do not bag); landscape timbers; open and dry paint and sealer cans.

The Town will not pick up construction and demolition materials; heavy machinery; automobile parts; kerosene heaters; fuel oil tanks of any size; commercial truck or tractor/trailer tires; hazardous household wastes (such as paint, pesticides and cleaning chemicals); tree/brush materials associated with land/lot clearing for construction; or electronic components such as televisions and computers.

While special collection trucks follow regular garbage routes, please be aware that **cleanup may run a day or two behind trash collection schedules, depending on volume of pickup items.**

Need to get rid of that household hazardous waste? Please visit the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority at [www.mrswa.org](http://www.mrswa.org) or by calling (540) 381-2820.



Do this...  
(items separated from trash and tree limbs)



not that.  
(items not separated by type)

For more information about Spring Cleanup, visit [www.christiansburg.org/cleanup](http://www.christiansburg.org/cleanup).  
Have questions about an item to set out or think your house has been missed?  
Please call Public Works at (540) 382-1151.



## Frequently Asked...

### What happens after a snow storm?

During a snow storm, Public Works crews and emergency service personnel continuously work to keep our streets clear and safe. **But what happens after the streets are safely plowed, scraped and widened?**

After a storm, crews are dispatched to sweep the streets. Due to the danger of water lines or pumps freezing, street sweeping operations can only take place if the temperature is above 32 degrees. After clearing all primary and secondary roads, we also set crews to work clearing sidewalks and walkways in front of Town buildings.



Town crews clean up Main Street after a major snow storm.

### What can I do?

If there is a sidewalk in front of your home or business, Town Code requires that it be cleared within 24 hours AFTER the street has been plowed.

Be sure to shovel snow to the right or into your yard if you clear your driveway before your street has been plowed. If at all possible, wait until your street is plowed before clearing your driveway.

**Have questions? Please call (540) 382-1151 or visit [www.christiansburg.org/winterweather](http://www.christiansburg.org/winterweather).**

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Town Council Meetings

Town Hall, 100 East Main Street  
Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

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

## Special Collections

### Spring Cleanup

April 15-28  
[www.christiansburg.org/cleanup](http://www.christiansburg.org/cleanup)

## Adult Learn to Swim

April may be Adult Learn to Swim Month, but the Christiansburg Aquatic Center (CAC) celebrates all year round! Thanks to a grant from the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the CAC's Adult Learn-to-Swim program offers adult swimming lessons at a significantly reduced rate. The program aims to assist anyone 18 years or older in becoming comfortable in the water, learning to swim or improving swimming techniques. Evening classes are currently being offered in March and April beginning at 7 p.m. A special three-week Saturday morning session, beginning at 10 a.m., will be offered in April in honor of Adult Learn-to-Swim month. Register over the phone, in person at the CAC or online at [www.cacpool.com](http://www.cacpool.com). An annual membership to U.S. Masters Swimming is required to participate in these lessons, but free trials are available. If you have any questions or would like more information about this program, please call Chrystal Jones: (540) 381-7665.



## Tax Aide Program

Don't let taxes get you down! The Christiansburg Recreation Center is offering a free AARP Tax Aide program through April 15.

Appointments may be scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1-4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Please call (540) 382-2349 to make an appointment or to get more information.

## First Aid and Lifeguard Training

Are you interested in learning First Aid/CPR? Are you a lifeguard in need of certification? The CAC has you covered! Check out the dates below:

March 24-26: American Red Cross Lifeguard Training & Recertification  
\$200  
April 12: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Training: 4-8 p.m.  
\$55  
April 14-17: American Red Cross Lifeguard Training & Recertification  
\$200

To register for any of these classes, please call (540) 381-7665 (POOL).

## Snapshot! Town photos & events



On January 19, the Growth Through Opportunity (GTO) program held its graduation. Cadets participated with local agencies to learn valuable skills that will translate to the workplace. Great work, cadets! (from left): Officer Nathan Delp, Brandon Turner, Dante Allen-Toomer, Carrie Mollette, Fire Chief Billy Hanks, Erica Bookout, Police Chief Mark Sisson.



Have questions? Let us know!  
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