

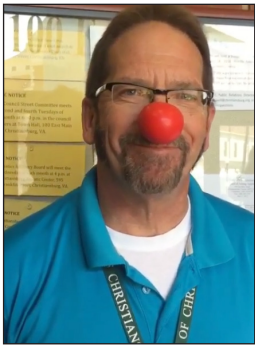
# The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

September/October 2017

## Community Corner

### In Memoriam: Bill Aldridge 1958-2017



Bill Aldridge

The Town of Christiansburg mourns the loss of Bill Aldridge, a beloved Town employee and member of our community. Bill, a Town building inspector of 11 years, passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack in August. He was 59.

Bill was loved dearly by all who knew him and will be sorely missed. He will be remembered at Town Hall for filling his coworkers' offices with balloons on their birthdays; greeting everyone with fist bumps, peace signs and secret handshakes; and sending people beautiful cards "just because."

Bill was an advocate for Christiansburg and was always looking for ways to make our town better. He helped launch the Christiansburg Farmers' Market because he wanted a place downtown where the community could gather, eat good food and listen to live music – one of his favorite activities.

His sense of public service extended beyond his office at Town Hall. Bill announced Auburn High School boys and girls basketball games for 17 years, and also announced at benefit tournaments that raised money for causes such as cancer research. He always lent a helping hand to those in need and was well known for his acts of kindness.

Thank you for everything, Bill. You will never be forgotten by those who had the good fortune of knowing you.

## In The Know

Pumpkin spice is in the air, school's back in session and Kroger may have their Halloween decorations out—but don't be fooled! We've got a few more weeks of summer left and plenty of events to get you out enjoying the last of the warm weather.

Stop by John Lemley Lane to enjoy a picnic at John Lemley Park (see reverse for a photo of Christiansburg's newest park)! Join Christiansburg Parks and Recreation on the Huckleberry Trail for the annual Eight Mile Bridge Challenge on Sept. 16. Registration is free, but make sure to sign up at the Recreation Center by Sept. 3.

The inaugural "First Responders Battleship" will be held Sept. 29 from 7-9 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Local first responders will try to sink each other's canoes, and the last department afloat will take home the donations collected during the event. Come watch this friendly competition and cheer on our first responders!

See reverse for more event details, as well as information about Fall Cleanup (Oct. 7-20). We'll see you out there!

## Newly renovated VDOT park and ride ready for use

After three years of renovation, Virginia Department of Transportation's new park and ride opened at the intersection of Roanoke Street and the Route 460 Bypass.

The park and ride was named the Kenneth B. Gibson Memorial Park and Ride in memory of Army Sergeant Kenneth B. Gibson, a soldier from Christiansburg who was killed while serving in Iraq.

The \$5.6 million project was funded by VDOT and federal funds. Construction added about 210 parking spaces and installed new lighting, sidewalks, bus shelters, bike racks and handicap accommodations.

Now that the park and ride is open, take advantage of its free parking and catch a bus to a number of destinations! In addition to local routes, like the Smart Way bus which connects the New River and Roanoke valleys, Megabus runs a route from Knoxville, Tenn. to Washington, D.C. that makes three stops at the park and ride per day.

Where will you go first? Snap a photo and share it with us on Instagram or Twitter!



*The Kenneth B. Gibson Memorial Park and Ride boasts new lighting, sidewalks, bike racks, bus shelters and parking spaces.*

Follow us!



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## Events Calendar

### Christiansburg Farmers' Market

Every Thursday, 3-7 p.m.  
Hickok Street

### Eight Mile Bridge Challenge

Sept. 16, 8 a.m. (register by Sept. 3)  
Meet at Christiansburg Recreation Center

### Wilderness Trail Festival

Sept. 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
West Main Street

### Food Truck Rodeo

Sept. 22, 5 p.m.  
West Main Street

### First Responders Battleship

Sept. 29, 7-9 p.m.  
Aquatic Center

### Fire Prevention Parade

Oct. 3, 7 p.m.  
West Main Street

### Finish the Fight 5k

Oct. 7, register: 8:30 a.m., race: 9:30 a.m.  
Huckleberry Trail at Recreation Center

### New River Valley Mall Fall Festival

Oct. 7, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
New River Valley Mall

### Tony L. Huddleston Trout Rodeo

Oct. 7, register: noon, fishing: 2-4 p.m.  
Izaak Walton Park

### Annual Marcus Ford Run/Walk

Oct. 14, register: 9:30 a.m., race: 11 a.m.  
Huckleberry Trail at NRV Mall

### Annual Gospel Singing Festival

Oct. 14, 5 p.m.  
Hickok Street and West Main Street

### Truck or Treat

Oct. 28, 8-11 a.m.  
Recreation Center

### Huckleberry Hustle 5k

Oct. 28, register: 7:30 a.m., race: 9 a.m.  
Huckleberry Trail at Recreation Center

To find out more information on events and programs, visit [www.christiansburg.org/events](http://www.christiansburg.org/events) or our Facebook page.



## Community Snapshot

John Lemley Park is officially ready for play! The park is located east of Interstate 81 on John Lemley Lane and offers playground equipment and a picnic area. Christiansburg now has nine parks, and fall is the perfect time to visit them. To learn more about our parks, visit [www.christiansburg.org/parks](http://www.christiansburg.org/parks).

## Frequently Asked...

### When is fall cleanup?

Fall Cleanup will take place Oct. 7-20. Please place materials in a separate pile from your regular trash within 10 feet of the street. Fall cleanup items may be collected outside of your regular trash collection day.

### What items are accepted?

**Furniture; appliances**, including sinks and tubs (limit 2 per household); **passenger car & truck tires** (limit 4 per household; no larger than 20-inches); **tire rims** (no limit); **tree limbs, tree stumps, trimmings, brush; leaves** (must be loose, do not bag); **landscape timbers; paint cans and sealer cans** (only if open and dry); **barrels/drum**s (only if dry, ends are removed and did not contain hazardous material); **railroad ties/timbers** (limit 5 per household).

## FREE PROGRAMMING

**VIN Etching**  
Oct. 16, 3-7 p.m.  
Fire Department

**Shredathon**  
Oct. 17, 3-6 p.m.  
Recreation Center

## Upcoming Meetings

### Town Council Meetings

Held at Town Hall, 100 E. Main St.  
- Tuesday, September 12, 7 p.m.  
- Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m.  
- Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m.  
- Tuesday, October 24, 7 p.m.

Sign up for meeting notifications at [www.christiansburg.org/notifyme](http://www.christiansburg.org/notifyme)

## Upcoming Closures

### Labor Day, observed Sept. 4

- Town Hall will be closed Sept. 4.  
- The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 4.  
- The Recreation Center will be closed Sept. 4.  
- Monday, Sept. 4, trash will be picked up Tuesday, Sept. 5.



## TRICK OR TREAT!

Halloween is on Tuesday, October 31.

Though the Town does not regulate trick-or-treating, many families go trick-or-treating in their neighborhoods until dark on Halloween.

If you want more spooky fun, stop by Parks and Recreation's Truck or Treat event on Oct. 28 from 8-11 a.m. Stay for the "Getting Scary on the Huckleberry" 5k run/walk at 9 a.m. on the Huckleberry Trail at the Recreation Center.



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