

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

November/December 2017

Mayor's Corner



Dear residents,

With the holiday season upon us, I'm reminded of all that we have to be thankful for in Christiansburg. From our dedicated Town staff, to our quality facilities, to our wonderful residents, I feel blessed to be a part of this community.

It's been a joy to watch all of the positive changes that have taken place in Christiansburg over the past year. A number of capital projects were completed, all of which will better connect our town and improve the safety of our residents. An arts council was formed to look into how the Town of Christiansburg can support local artists. I am also proud of the neighborly spirit we demonstrated when our community united to collect donations for those affected by Hurricane Irma and Maria. And, as always, I'm grateful for our first responders—who continue to go above and beyond the call of duty to keep us all safe—and Town staff, who are always working behind-the-scenes to ensure that Christiansburg is the place to be.

There is already a lot planned for 2018, but until then, it's time for friends, family and festivities.

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike Barber

In The Know

We know we're not the only ones busy gearing up for the holidays, but don't forget to take a break to enjoy some events around town. The Christiansburg Recreation Center is celebrating 20 years since its grand opening on Nov. 7 from 3-7 p.m., and you are invited to the party! There will be free recreation activities, free commemorative T-shirts (while supplies last) and free cake. Food trucks will also be on-site (food must be purchased). The annual Veterans Day Parade will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 10 starting on E. Main Street. This year's Christmas Parade will be held on Dec. 8 beginning at 7 p.m. on E. Main Street. The theme is "All I Want for Christmas," and parade registration forms may be found at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. Registration forms must be returned by 5 p.m. on Nov. 17. Don't forget to stop by Christmas at the Market during the parade for snacks, artisan crafts and more! The Aquatic Center will be ringing in the New Year early on Dec. 30 with its New Year's Eve Splash event from 5:30-9:30 p.m. And, don't forget that leaf pickup is scheduled for Nov. 6 - Dec. 29, weather permitting. Happy holidays to all of our residents!

Restored streams provide benefits to local ecosystem

The Town of Christiansburg has recently restored two streams in the Diamond Hills Conservation Area and near Blue Leaf Drive.

The restoration was carried out as part of a requirement set by Christiansburg's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit. The permit requires that the Town reduce the amount of sediment entering creeks, in part because sediment smothers aquatic macroinvertebrates, like dragonfly larvae, which are an important part of the food chain.



A portion of the restored stream near Blue Leaf Drive.

The restoration involved shaping the streams. For example, curves and stepped pools (as seen in the photo) are designed to slow water down. Slower water reduces streambank erosion, and thus reduces sediment.

The Diamond Hills Conservation Area off of Independence Boulevard has more than 2,000 linear feet of restored stream and associated wetlands that will keep 822 tons of sediment per year from entering Crab Creek. The Blue Leaf Project near Blue Leaf Drive restored 880 linear feet of stream and will reduce sediment by 18.45 tons per year.

Restoring and re-vegetating eroded streams is a proven way to reduce sediment and other pollutants. As an added bonus, the restored buffer area around the streams provides a natural habitat for native animals, and a beautiful landscape for residents to enjoy.

Towne Branch is the Town's next stream restoration project. More information can be found at Depot Park or online at <http://www.christiansburg.org/branch>.

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Have a question? Let us know!

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Events Calendar

"20 Years of Recreation" Celebration

Nov. 7, 3-7 p.m.

Christiansburg Recreation Center

Veterans Day Parade

Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Main Street

Lion's Club Craft Fair

Dec. 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Christiansburg Recreation Center

Christmas Parade & Christmas Market

Dec. 8, parade starts at 7 p.m.

Main Street

New Year's Eve Splash

Dec. 30, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Christiansburg Aquatic Center

To find out more information on events and programs, visit www.christiansburg.org/events or our Facebook page.

Aquatic Center Information

Meets (Aquatic Center will be closed to public)

- H2Okie November meet: Nov. 3-5
- South West Virginia High School Invite: Dec. 2
- H2Okie December meet: Dec. 7-10

Holiday Schedule

Veterans Day - Nov. 10: open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday - Nov. 22: open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

Nov. 23: closed; Nov. 24: open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Christmas Holiday - Dec. 22: open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

Dec. 23: open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 24: closed; Dec. 25: closed; Dec. 26: open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Year's Holiday - Dec. 31: closed; Jan. 1, 2018: closed; Jan. 2: open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Black Friday Special

During the week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 20-24), the Aquatic Center will be offering a special deal on passes and memberships.

If you buy one 12-visit pass, you will get 12 visits free. If you buy one six-month membership, you will get six months free. You may purchase a 12-visit pass or six-month membership for yourself and give the other 12 visits or six-month membership to someone else.

For more information, call 540-381-7665 or visit the Aquatic Center at 595 North Franklin St.

Frequently Asked...

Q: Does the Town pick up Christmas trees?

A: Yes! Christmas tree pickup will begin on January 2, 2018 and will run until Jan. 17. Please leave your tree at the curb for pickup. Please note that pickup will not occur on Jan. 12 or Jan. 15.

Q: How can I pay my utility bills?

A: You may pay online at <https://utilitybilling.christiansburg.org> or in person at Town Hall, 100 E. Main St. in Christiansburg. You can also set up payments to be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account through the Direct Payment Plan. Visit Town Hall to set up direct payment. Visa, Mastercard and Discover debit/credit cards are accepted for payment, along with cash, checks and money orders.

Q: How can I monitor my water usage?

A: Sign up for an account at www.christiansburg.org/monitorwater. The online tool will allow you to monitor your usage and receive alerts if a leak is detected.

Holiday Closures & Garbage Schedule

- **Veterans Day**
 - Town Hall will be closed on Nov. 10, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Nov. 13.
- **Thanksgiving Holiday**
 - Town Hall will be closed Nov. 22-24 and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Nov. 27.
 - The Recreation Center will be open during regular hours (5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.) on Nov. 22, and will be closed Nov. 23 and 24. The administrative office will be closed from Nov. 22-24.
- **Christmas Holiday**
 - Town Hall will close at noon on Dec. 22, and will remain closed until 8 a.m. on Dec. 27.
 - The Recreation Center will be open during regular hours (5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.) on Dec. 22 and from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Dec. 23. The Recreation Center will be closed Dec. 24-26. The administrative office will close at noon on Dec. 22 and will remain closed until 8 a.m. Dec. 27.
- **New Year's Holiday**
 - Town Hall will be closed Jan. 1-2 and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Jan. 3.
 - The Recreation Center will be open from 1-7 p.m. on Dec. 31 and from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Jan. 2. The Recreation Center will be closed Jan. 1. The administrative office will be closed Dec. 31 - Jan. 2.
- **Garbage Collection Holiday Schedule**
 - Nov. 10 trash will be picked up on Nov. 13
 - Nov. 22 trash will be picked up on Nov. 21
 - Nov. 23 trash will be picked up on Nov. 27
 - Nov. 24 trash will be picked up on Nov. 28
 - Dec. 25 trash will be picked up on Dec. 27
 - Dec. 26 trash will be picked up on Dec. 28
 - Jan. 1, 2018 trash will be picked up on Jan. 2

Community Snapshot



Old Town Mall business owners commissioned these statues and recently installed them outside the mall on W. Main Street. Stop by any time to snap a selfie with these fun, new additions to downtown Christiansburg!



LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection will run from Nov. 6 - Dec. 29, weather permitting. Please remember to avoid blocking drainage ditches, sidewalks, sanitary sewers and utility meter boxes. Please do not pile leaves around trash carts.

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council Meetings

Held at Town Hall, 100 East Main St.

- Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 28, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 12, 7 p.m.
- TBA (due to holiday schedule)

Never miss a meeting!

Sign up for notifications at www.christiansburg.org/notifyme.

Calls from Santa

Santa will be making personal calls to children 8 years and younger on Dec. 5. Let Santa know to call your child by filling out a form at the Christiansburg Recreation Center by 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4.



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