

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

January/February 2018

Community Corner

Habitat for Humanity NRV building in Christiansburg



A house Habitat for Humanity NRV built in Pulaski last year.

Habitat for Humanity New River Valley is excited to announce that their next home will be on Johnston Street in Christiansburg!

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds homes and sells them at cost to qualified families. By selling at cost with a low-interest loan, Habitat homes are affordable to families who might not qualify for a traditional mortgage.

One of the first steps of the Christiansburg project is to start recruiting a family to be the next Habitat home buyer.

Habitat home buyers will:

- Have a stable income between \$24,600 - \$54,000 per year
- Have an on-time bill payment history
- Demonstrate need of better, more affordable housing
- Be willing to work on credit problems
- Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

Do you know a family that is ready to buy instead of rent? Are you ready to be a homeowner? Contact Habitat for Humanity New River Valley at (540) 381-1144, or info@HabitatNRV.org.

Follow us!



In The Know

Happy New Year to all of our residents! We hope you had a joyful and relaxing holiday season with friends and family.

Town staff is excited for what 2018 holds in store for Christiansburg. In January and February, we are looking forward to welcoming thousands of visitors to Christiansburg for swim meets at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center (information on reverse).

Snow and ice will continue to show up in our weather forecasts for a while, so learn about the town's winter weather procedures below and find some handy reminders on the reverse side. Looking to get rid of your Christmas tree? Public Works has your back. Christmas tree collection will run from Jan. 3 - 17 (more information on reverse).

As always, you'll find information about meetings, closures and holiday garbage collection schedules on the reverse side.

Winter weather? No problem.

We've had a few snows already, and you can bet there will be more winter weather in the next couple months. The Town of Christiansburg takes measures during winter weather events that will help keep residents and visitors safe.

In anticipation of icy road conditions, Public Works crews will salt town roads. Crews will also de-ice roads and plow snow.

Primary roads (main thoroughfares with a high traffic volume) are always cleared first to ensure that snow removal crews and emergency vehicles are able to access all areas in town. There are 53 primary roads in the Town of Christiansburg.

Non-primary roads are considered secondary roads. During winter weather, secondary roads are treated and cleared in alternating order so the same streets are not always addressed last. There are 392 secondary roads in the Town of Christiansburg.

Because of the large number of streets requiring attention, Public Works crews cannot respond to special requests to clear roads for medical, work or other reasons.

During the winter, you might also notice an increase in the number of water line breaks around town. This is perfectly normal. As the seasons change, temperatures fluctuate, causing the ground to shift. This



You'll be seeing a lot of our Public Works crews during the winter months. Please respect their safety by slowing down when passing them in a vehicle and by always following work zone signage.

means water lines can shift as well, which sometimes leads to a break.

To report a water line break during normal business hours, please call the Public Works Department at (540) 382-1151. If you need to report a break after business hours, please call the Police Department's non-emergency line at (540) 382-4343.

Find more helpful information about winter weather preparedness at www.christiansburg.org/winterweather.



Have a question? Let us know!
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Upcoming Meetings & Closures

Town Council Meetings

Held at Town Hall, 100 East Main St.

- Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 23, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 13, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 27, 7 p.m.

Never miss a meeting! Sign up for notifications at www.christiansburg.org/notifyme

Closures

Lee-Jackson Day, Jan. 12

- Town Hall will be closed.
- The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and the Recreation Center will be open from 5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Both administrative offices will be closed.
- Friday, Jan. 12 garbage will be picked up Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 15

- Town Hall will be closed.
- The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and the Recreation Center will be open from 5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Both administrative offices will be closed.
- Monday, Jan. 15 garbage will be picked up Wednesday, Jan. 17.

President's Day, Feb. 19

- Town Hall will be closed.
- The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and the Recreation Center will be open from 5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Both administrative offices will be closed.
- Monday, Feb. 19 garbage will be collected Tuesday, Feb. 20.



Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas tree collection will begin on Jan. 3, 2018 and will run until Jan. 17. Please leave your tree at the curb for pickup. Please note that collection will not occur on Jan. 12 or Jan. 15.

Community Snapshot



Spectators lined up in front of the Tree of Hope in downtown Christiansburg to watch the annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 8. ~ Photo by Michael Shroyer

Aquatic Center Swim Meet Closures*

Jan. 9 - Christiansburg High School swim meet; competition pool partially closed

Jan. 12-13 - Virginia Tech vs. University of Virginia; competition pool closed

Jan. 19-21 - H2Okie January Invitational; Aquatic Center closed

Jan. 23 - Christiansburg High School swim meet; competition pool partially closed

Jan. 30 - Christiansburg High School swim meet; competition pool partially closed

Feb. 2-4 - Virginia Tech Invitational; Aquatic Center closed

Feb. 5-6 - 5A (Feb. 5) 4A and 3A (Feb. 6) Regional Meets; competition pool closed

Feb. 10 - 2A Regional Meet; competition pool closed

Feb. 13-17 - Colonial Athletic Association; Aquatic Center closed

Feb. 23-25 - Virginia Swimming Region Meet; Aquatic Center closed

*Closures are subject to change.

Winter Weather Reminders

- If you have a sidewalk in front of your home or business, please keep it clear of snow and ice. Town Code requires that it be cleared within 24 hours of your street being plowed.
- Snow plowing will deposit snow along street shoulders, curbs and driveway openings. Because of this, it is recommended that residents plow driveways after their street is plowed.
- When facing the street, shovel snow to the right or into your yard to minimize the amount that may get plowed back into your driveway.
- If inclement weather is expected, please avoid parking on the street. Parking on the street prevents snow plows from fully and safely clearing the street and may result in vehicle damage.



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Frequently Asked...

I never know when to set my garbage out for collection when there is a holiday. How can I make sure I do not miss my collection day?

Our Public Works Department is one of the hardest working groups of people in town, but even they take breaks sometimes! There is no garbage collection on observed holidays, so our collection crews operate on modified garbage collection schedules during weeks with holidays.

The Town of Christiansburg sends out a year-at-a-glance holiday garbage collection schedule at the beginning of every year in residents' water bills. This includes every modified garbage collection day for the entire year.

The town also publishes upcoming holiday garbage collection schedules on its social media accounts, website and in this newsletter.

Can I sign up to receive notifications when a holiday garbage collection schedule is published on the town's website?

Yes! Please visit www.christiansburg.org/notifyme and follow the instructions to sign up for notifications. Make sure to select "News and Announcements Home Page" for updates that will include information about holiday garbage schedules.