

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

March/April 2018

Community Corner

Christiansburg Rescue Operations Captain selected for German exchange program



Quinci Donahue, an operations captain at Christiansburg Rescue, will be spending about three weeks of the upcoming summer in Germany as part of an emergency medical services (EMS) exchange program.

During the program, Quinci will be staying in Kassel, about two hours north of Frankfurt. While there, she will work alongside German EMS providers, tour facilities and visit historic sites. Quinci is the third local rescue member to participate in the exchange program, which was first started in 1995 and is organized by the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS). The VAVRS typically selects four people to send to Germany each year, and VAVRS agencies host German EMS providers in exchange.

Rescue Chief Joe Coyle said the exchange program exposes EMS providers in Virginia to a different culture and alternative models of EMS delivery. "We hope our providers will come away with innovative ideas on service delivery and patient care techniques."

"Quinci's professionalism and outgoing personality make her an excellent ambassador for our agency, the VAVRS and EMS providers in Virginia," Chief Coyle said.

Quinci has been a member of Christiansburg Rescue for nearly five years and is also a registered nurse.

In The Know

Spring has sprung, and it's bringing warmer weather and seasonal events our way. If your house is in need of a deep clean, make sure you take advantage of Spring Cleanup, which will run from April 14-27 (see reverse for more information). We'll also be hosting the second annual Diamond Hills Stream Cleanup on March 24 from 10 a.m. - noon (see reverse for more information).

Check out the annual NRV Home Expo at the Christiansburg Recreation Center March 9-11. Catch the Easter Bunny at Kiwanis Park on March 31 at 10 a.m. for the Great Christiansburg Easter Egg Hunt. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be \$1. The Christiansburg Recreation Center is also hosting a shred-a-thon on April 17 from 3-6 p.m.

The Aquatic Center is hosting Tackle the Tower—an opportunity for guests to try out the diving boards and 5-meter diving platform—on March 4 and April 22, from 2-4 p.m. Scuba enthusiasts are encouraged to attend Open Scuba, which will be held from 4-6 p.m. on March 4 and April 22. You must bring your own scuba gear.

And don't forget to stop by Downtown Christiansburg Inc.'s second annual Wine & Artisan event on Hickok Street between 5 and 9 p.m. on Friday, April 27!

Keeping PCBs out of our waterways

Fishing, kayaking and swimming are all easily accessible activities for Christiansburg residents thanks to the town's proximity to the New River. Unfortunately, you may want to limit how many fish you eat from the New River because of PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) pollution. The Virginia Department of Health has issued a Fish Consumption Advisory for Montgomery County that recommends never eating carp caught in the New River and limiting consumption of catfish caught in the New River to two meals per week because of PCB concentration levels in these fish.

PCBs are man-made chemicals that were widely used in electrical equipment and building materials because they are stable and heat-resistant. PCBs have no taste or smell, and vary in appearance from oil-like to a waxy solid. Though the manufacturing of PCBs was banned in the United States in 1979 due to human health and environmental concerns, they continued to be used for many years after the ban. PCBs are found in older transformers and capacitors, fluorescent light ballasts, oils in motors and hydraulic systems, insulation materials, caulking and many

building materials.

Christiansburg has a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit to collect stormwater runoff and discharge it into our local waterways. One of the requirements of this permit is that we identify and reduce local sources of PCB pollution that could affect the Roanoke and New Rivers.

PCB pollution is a serious issue in our local rivers, but PCBs can be found in the air and soil, too. PCBs are released into the environment through spills, leaks and improper disposal methods. PCBs do not break down easily in the environment and will accumulate in the fat cells of animals.

If you believe you have items that may contain PCBs, please contact the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority to see if they will accept your items as part of their free household hazardous waste disposal program. The authority collects household hazardous waste on the third Saturday of each month. You must register ahead of time by calling the authority at (540) 381-2820. The facility is located at 555 Authority Drive in Christiansburg. For more information, please visit their website at www.mrswa.com.

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Events Calendar

Tackle the Tower

March 4, 2-4 p.m. & April 22, 2-4 p.m.
Christiansburg Aquatic Center

Open Scuba

March 4, 4-6 p.m. & April 22, 4-6 p.m.
Christiansburg Aquatic Center

NRV Home Expo

March 9-11
Christiansburg Recreation Center

Diamond Hills Stream Cleanup

March 24, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at the end of Scattergood Drive NW

The Great Easter Egg Hunt

March 31, 10 a.m.
Kiwanis Park

Shred-a-Thon

April 17, 3-6 p.m.
Christiansburg Recreation Center

GiveBigNRV's Annual Giving Day

April 18
(see below for more information)

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

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council Meetings

Held at Town Hall, 100 East Main St.

- Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 10, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m.

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

Closures

Easter Sunday, April 1

- The Aquatic Center will be closed.
- The Recreation Center will be closed.



Annual Giving Day

GiveBigNRV's Annual Giving Day will be held on April 18. The website raised more than \$220,000 for local nonprofits on last year's Giving Day. To learn more or to donate, please visit <https://cfnriv.givebig.org/c/NRV>.

Put your spring cleaning out for Spring Cleanup April 14-27

Spring Cleanup will be held from April 14-27. Please place Spring Cleanup items within 10 feet of the street or pavement and separate these items from your regular trash. The Town is not responsible for any items left at or near the street that residents did not intend to have collected.

Though special collection trucks follow regular garbage routes, cleanup may run a day or two behind trash collection schedules, depending on volume. There is no charge for items picked up during Spring Cleanup, but there will be a charge assessed for items placed out after Spring Cleanup.

During Spring Cleanup, the Town will pick up tree and brush trimmings, old furniture, a maximum of two appliances, and up to four tires per household. For a full list of accepted items, please visit

www.christiansburg.org/cleanupFAQ.

Please separate brush from other materials. Loose materials must be placed in containers



not exceeding 32 gallons. Leaves must be bagged.

Residents may also choose to set out their brush for monthly brush collection. Please visit www.christiansburg.org/brush to learn about monthly brush collection service, including your collection day.

If it is nearing the end of Spring Cleanup and your items have not been collected yet, please call (540) 382-1151.

Community Snapshot



Downtown Park covered in snow on Jan. 17.

Diamond Hills Stream Cleanup on March 24



The Town is partnering with ReNew the New and the New River Valley Regional Commission to clean up the Diamond Hills Conservation Area on March 24 from 10 a.m. to noon, and we are looking for volunteers to help!

Participants will meet at the end of Scattergood Drive NW. Please carpool, as parking is limited. Trash will be collected along Crab Creek and then along the Diamond Hills Conservation Area stream.

Bags and water will be provided. Gloves will also be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own.

A rain date has been tentatively scheduled for April 14.

Aquatic Center Swim Meets

March 3-4, Water Polo Clinic

March 8-11, Age Group Championships

March 17-18, Virginia Tech Water Polo

March 22-25, Speedo Sectionals

Find more Christiansburg Aquatic Center information, including pool closures, at www.cacpool.com.



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