

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

November/December 2018

Community Corner

Blacksburg Transit plans to add new routes in Christiansburg



Increased bus services are planned for Roanoke Street and Radford Street as a one-year pilot project.

A recent study of current ridership in Christiansburg identified areas with an unmet demand for public transportation. In response, Blacksburg Transit (BT) and the Town of Christiansburg are recommending the addition of 17 new bus stops in Christiansburg.

While most of the new stops will be along Roanoke Street and Radford Street, BT also plans to increase how frequently buses stop at other stops.

For stops currently serviced every 120 minutes, BT plans to start servicing the stops every hour. This change will help improve access to popular destinations such as the Kenneth B. Gibson Memorial Park and Ride, the Montgomery County Courthouse, the Christiansburg library, and a number of apartment complexes.

Bus stops that are already serviced every 60 minutes - including the Christiansburg Aquatic Center and New River Valley Mall - will not be affected.

Please contact BT for more information at 540-443-1500 or btransit@blacksburg.gov.

For the most up-to-date information on current routes, visit ridebt.org.

Follow us!



In The Know

Is it just us, or did 2018 pass by in the blink of an eye? And it seems like it's only getting busier with the holiday season approaching!

Our Public Works crews will be collecting leaves from Nov. 6 - Dec. 28, weather permitting. Please make sure your pile of loose leaves does not block drainage ditches, sidewalks, sanitary sewers, solid waste carts or utility meter boxes.

Don't miss out on upcoming events (listed on reverse side), including the annual Christmas Parade and Christmas Market on Dec. 14. See the reverse side for information on how to participate in the parade or as a vendor at the market. The ever-popular Calls from Santa is making a return this year on Dec. 4! Find out more on the reverse side.

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our facility closures and the modified holiday schedule for solid waste collection on the reverse side.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe holiday season!

Snow, ice and water line breaks--oh my!

Winter is coming, and it never hurts to brush up on our winter weather tips before the first snow of the season. We also want to share the steps we take during winter weather events to help keep residents and visitors safe.

In anticipation of icy road conditions, Public Works crews will salt 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 may 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 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 nonemergency line at (540) 382-4343.

Please keep the following winter weather tips in mind:

- 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 shovel 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.

For more information about winter weather preparedness, please visit www.christiansburg.org/winterweather.



Have a question? Let us know!

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Events Calendar

Ryan Hubbard Memorial Bike Ride

Nov. 4, 1-5 p.m.

Begins at Christiansburg Rescue Station

Veteran's Day Parade

Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m.

Downtown Christiansburg

Lion's Club Craft Fair

Dec. 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Christiansburg Recreation Center

Christmas Parade & Christmas Market

Dec. 14, 4-8 p.m. (Rain date: Dec. 17)

Downtown Christiansburg

New Year's Eve Splash

Dec. 30, TBA

Christiansburg Aquatic Center

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, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.
- TBD (due to holiday schedule)
- Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.
- TBD (due to holiday schedule)

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

Aquatic Center Information

Upcoming Meets

- Nov. 9-11: H2Okie Thanksgiving Invitational
- Nov. 30: Southwest Virginia High School Invitational - Diving
- Dec. 1: Southwest Virginia High School Invitational - Swimming
- Dec. 6-9: H2Okie Swim and Tri Winter Invitational

Please visit www.cacpool.com for updated information about pool closures.

Sign up for Calls from Santa by Dec. 3

Santa will be making personal calls to children 8 years and younger on Dec. 4. Let Santa know to call your child by filling out a form at the Christiansburg Recreation Center by 5 p.m. on Dec. 3. Registration forms may also be found at www.christiansburg.org/recreation.

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection will run from Nov. 6 - Dec. 28, weather permitting. Please do not place your pile of loose leaves in a way that blocks sidewalks, sanitary sewers, solid waste carts, drainage ditches or utility meter boxes.



Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas Tree collection will run from Jan. 2, 2019 to Jan. 15, 2019. Please leave your tree at the curb for collection.



Community Snapshot: Christmas Parade & Market



The 2018 Christmas Parade will begin at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 on Main Street in Downtown Christiansburg.

The parade's theme is "Santa's team makes Christmas dreams." To participate in the parade, you must register with the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16. Please visit www.christiansburg.org/christmasparade for the application.

Don't forget to visit the Christmas Market on Hickok Street from 4-8 p.m.! Vendor applications are due by 5 p.m. on Nov. 30 and may be found at www.christiansburg.org/farmersmarket.

Holiday Closures & Solid Waste Schedule

Veterans Day, Nov. 12

- Aquatic Center hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Town Hall will be closed.
- Recreation Center will operate normally.
- Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday, Nov. 13, with Tuesday's regular collection.

Thanksgiving Holiday (Nov. 21-23)

- The Aquatic Center will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Nov. 21, closed on Nov. 22 and open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Nov. 23.
- Town Hall will be closed Nov. 21-23 and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Nov. 26.
- The Recreation Center will be closed on Nov. 22 and Nov. 23.
- Solid waste normally collected on Wednesdays will be collected on Tuesday, Nov. 21 with Tuesday's regular collection.
- Solid waste normally collected on Thursdays will be collected on Monday, Nov. 26 with Monday's regular collection. Solid waste normally collected on Fridays will be collected on Tuesday, Nov. 27 with Tuesday's regular collection.

Christmas Holiday (Dec. 24-25)

- The Aquatic Center will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25.
- Town Hall will be closed Dec. 24 and 25.
- The Recreation Center will be closed Dec. 24 and 25.
- Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Wednesday, Dec. 26, with Wednesday's regular collection. Solid waste normally collected on Tuesdays will be collected on Thursday, Dec. 27, with Thursday's regular collection.

New Year's Holiday (Dec. 31 and Jan. 1)

- The Aquatic Center will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2019.
- Town Hall will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2019.
- The Recreation Center will be closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2019.
- Solid waste normally collected on Mondays will be collected Wednesday, Jan. 2, with Wednesday's regular collection.
- Solid waste normally collected on Tuesdays will be collected on Thursday, Jan. 3, with Thursday's regular collection.



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