

The Christiansburg Connection

Newsletter for the Town of Christiansburg

January/February 2019

Community Corner

In Memoriam: Roy Redd



Roy Redd, a beloved Town employee and member of our community, passed away on Nov. 28, 2018, after a brave battle with cancer.

Roy became a second-generation Town employee when he joined the Town's Public Works Department in 1972. He retired as an Assistant Superintendent of Public Works in 2009.

Roy was also a skilled firefighter, having served 46 years in various positions at the Christiansburg Volunteer Fire Department. Roy continued to run calls for the fire department even after he was diagnosed with cancer in 2006. Since his diagnosis, he ran 5,586 calls. He also won the Virginia State Fire Truck Rodeo several times.

Roy will always be remembered for his generous spirit. In losing him, Christiansburg lost someone who exemplified everything it means to serve your community to the fullest. He was always first in line to help somebody in need. Roy's memory will live on in an award named after him and given annually to a Christiansburg firefighter for an outstanding act of community service.

Thank you for setting such a good example for the rest of us, Roy. We'll miss you.

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In The Know

Happy New Year! We hope all of our residents enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday season. There are many exciting projects planned for 2019 around town. Learn more about two of our upcoming capital projects below!

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center will be welcoming thousands of visitors to Christiansburg in January and February for several swim and dive meets (information on reverse side). Did you know the Aquatic Center introduced new, more affordable rates on Jan. 1? Monthly admission is \$5 for residents ages 17 and under, and \$10 for residents ages 18 and over. Please visit the Christiansburg Aquatic Center or www.cacpool.com for more information.

We've had a mild winter so far, but that doesn't mean we won't get more snow and ice in the coming months, so please take a moment to review the town's winter weather procedures at www.christiansburg.org/beprepared. Don't forget to subscribe to "News & Announcements" at www.christiansburg.org/notifyme to receive updates on water line breaks, garbage collection suspension and more.

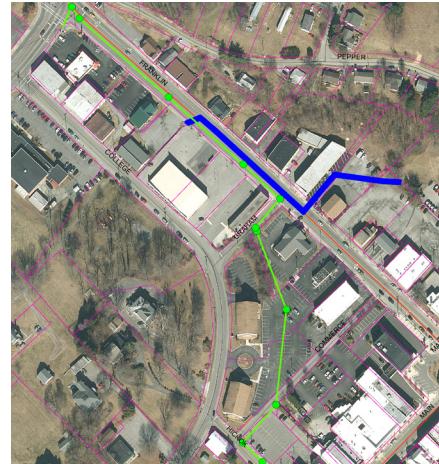
As always, you'll find information about public meetings, town facility closures and holiday garbage collection schedules on the reverse side.

College Street sewer and N. Franklin Street stormwater projects to begin in early 2019

Two capital projects beginning in early 2019 will affect traffic on N. Franklin Street.

The first is the College Street Sewer Rehabilitation project, represented by the green line in the photo at right. This project will substantially increase the sewer line's capacity and will also shift its path. The new line will replace the one currently in use, portions of which are original to the Town's first sewer collection system installed in the 1930s. This project will help address sanitary sewer overflows that occur because the system was not designed to meet current demands. The project will cost about \$1.7 million and will be paid for using the town's water and sewer enterprise fund.

The second project is the N. Franklin Street storm drain improvement project, shown in blue. Construction will redirect stormwater flowing beneath homes and businesses on the east side of N. Franklin Street so that it instead flows through a storm drain beneath N. Franklin Street. This project will alleviate flooding and decrease the chance of property damage. The project will cost about \$600,000 and is being split evenly between the Town and the state of Virginia.



During the construction phase of these projects, there will be day closures and detours on N. Franklin Street. There may also be overnight closures of the Depot Street and N. Franklin Street intersection. Both projects are expected to be complete in late summer. Residents can sign up to receive updates about these projects, including related road closures, by subscribing to the "News & Announcements" category at www.christiansburg.org/notifyme.



Have a question? Let us know!

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Upcoming Meetings & Closures

Upcoming Town Council Meetings

Held at Town Hall, 100 East Main St.

- Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

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

Holiday Closures

Lee-Jackson Day, Jan. 18

- 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.
- Garbage normally collected on Fridays will be collected on Tuesday, Jan. 22, with Tuesday's regular collection.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 21

- 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.
- Garbage normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Wednesday, Jan. 23, with Wednesday's regular collection.

George Washington Day, Feb. 18

- 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.
- Garbage normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday, Feb. 19, with Tuesday's regular collection.

Jan. & Feb. Aquatic Center Meets

- Jan. 5: Blacksburg High School Bruins Invite
- Jan. 12-13: H2okies Winter Invite
- Jan. 19: VT, Cincinnati, George Washington & JMU
- Feb. 1-3: Virginia Tech Technotational Invite
- Feb. 5: VHSL Regional swim meets
- Feb. 15-17: VHSL SW District High School Championship
- Feb. 19-23: Colonial Athletic Association Swimming & Diving Championship

Recreation Center continues long partnership with Intellectual Disabilities Agency

The Christiansburg Recreation Center is proud to offer a variety of quality programming to its residents, and the classes it offers in partnership with the Intellectual Disabilities Agency of the New River Valley are no exception.

In the spring and fall, IDA clients and members of the public participate in four-week-long cooking lessons and craft classes. At the end of the four weeks, each participant in the cooking class receives a binder with the recipes used in class.

Tammy Caldwell, Supervisor of Senior & Special Population Programs at the Recreation Center, leads both of the classes and has helped the partnership grow for the past 26 years.

The Recreation Center also hosts seasonal dances for IDA throughout the year.

Sheila Roop, IDA's Executive Director, said the partnership has created invaluable opportunities for IDA clients.

"The Recreation Center is a phenomenal



IDA clients and volunteers hold up their "friendship wreaths" in December 2018 at the last craft class of the year.

partner, and Tammy does exceptional work to make this program the best it can be for our clients," Roop said.

For members of the public interested in attending events or volunteering with the Intellectual Disabilities Agency, please contact Sheila Roop by emailing sheila@idanrv.org or by calling (540) 381-0310.

Community Snapshot



The first-ever Town-sponsored mural was unveiled at the Christiansburg Police Department on Nov. 16, 2018. From left: Christiansburg Police Chief Mark Sisson, Councilman Sam Bishop, Mayor Mike Barber, artist Dave Mann, events coordinator Casey Jenkins and Councilwoman Merissa Sachs.

Aquatic Center Events

Tackle the Tower

Jan. 6 & 27 and Feb. 10 & 24
2-4 p.m.

Cost: CAC admission fee

Open Scuba

Jan. 27 and Feb. 24
4-6 p.m.
Cost: \$10

Christmas Tree Removal



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

Safely dispose of PCBs, chemicals found in building materials

Are you cleaning up in or around your residence? Older transformers and capacitors, fluorescent light ballasts, oils in motors and hydraulic systems, insulation materials, caulking and other building materials manufactured before 1979 may contain PCBs. PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) can be released from these materials when they degrade.

When these materials are left out in the open, they are often washed into streams and rivers. Our local rivers already have fish consumption advisories due to PCB pollution. Christiansburg's MS4 permit allows discharge of stormwater to our streams, and a requirement of this permit is identification and reduction of local sources of PCB pollution.

To dispose of these items, please contact the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority at (540) 381-2820 about their free household hazardous waste disposal programs.



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