



CITY SOURCE

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CITY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

www.lynchburgva.gov



With over a year of planning and development, the City of Lynchburg has launched a new, redesigned website at www.lynchburgva.gov.

The creation of the new website, led by the Departments of Information Technology and Communications and Marketing, will give residents and other visitors a more user-friendly experience and will work better with mobile devices. A presentation of the new website was made to City Council in March and the new site was launched soon after.

Changes include the addition of a "newsroom" section with archived press releases, a more responsive design, better integration of social media and improved navigation. The design process included focus groups meetings with citizens as well as more than 20 City departments.

Although both the design and development were done by local firm Blair Marketing, the City was able to greatly reduce costs by having staff develop and input the content.

"The City has worked with Blair Marketing on a number of occasions," said Communications and Marketing Director JoAnn Martin. "They understand and respect the financial constraints the City is under and worked with us to deliver a quality website."

Citizens are encouraged to use the new site and bookmark it for future needs.

FIRST TO KNOW

www.lynchburgva.gov/first-to-know

Be one of the "first to know" about City news, public meetings, events, classes and more! It's easy! Just visit the City's website at www.lynchburgva.gov/first-to-know and register to receive the selection of news you're interested in. There is no obligation, and you may cancel the subscription service anytime.

Public Meeting Regarding Downtown Parking

The Lynchburg Parking Authority will host a public meeting on April 10, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor Ballroom located at Ninth and Main Streets. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss downtown parking issues including the possible construction and funding of a new parking deck.

Dates to Remember...

- April 13 [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day](#)
- May 1 [Business License Tax Due](#)
- May 1 [Virginia Individual Income Tax Due](#)
- May 15 [Real Estate Tax Installment #4 Due](#)



LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOLS

KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION



You're Invited!

Date: Wednesday, April 17

Time: 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Location: All Lynchburg City Schools

We'll help you make sure you have all the documents and records you'll need so that your child can start school on time. Log on to www.lcsedu.net or call 515-5000 to find your child's school. We look forward to having you join our *Tradition of Excellence for All!*

2013 CITIZEN SURVEY The Results Are In!



In January 2013, 1200 randomly chosen Lynchburg residents were asked to participate in the 2013 Citizens Survey. The survey focused on a series of community characteristics and local government services, as well as issues of public trust. Resident behaviors related to civic engagement in the community were also measured in the survey.

The representative sampling of residents was asked about community quality of life, service delivery, civic participation and unique issues of local interest. They were also asked three customized questions concerning user fees, taxes and Heritage High School.

According to the survey, residents' opinions regarding services, quality of life, and sense of community have remained stable since the survey was first administered in 2004. City officials plan to use the survey data to assist in strategic planning efforts, service improvements and decision making.

The top five rated services were:

1. Fire
2. Ambulance or EMS
3. Garbage Collection
4. Police
5. City Parks

Anyone interested in reading the complete report is encouraged to visit the City's website at www.lynchburgva.gov/news/citizen-survey-results.

Free Weather Spotting Class



On Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m., the Lynchburg Department of Emergency Services, the American Red Cross and the National Weather Service in Blacksburg have joined together to host a free weather spotting class to be held at The American Red Cross, 1007 Sheffield Drive. This entertaining and informative presentation is open to the public and all ages are welcome.

Representatives from the National Weather Service will discuss how to 'read the sky' to determine what type of severe weather is coming. In addition, important weather safety information will be provided to help protect you and your family from the hazards of severe weather. Anyone who has ever wanted to be an official storm spotter or is just interested in weather is encouraged to attend.

Seating is limited. Please call Beverly Gaydas at the American Red Cross at 845-1234 to reserve a seat.

For more information about the class, contact Phil Hysell at (540) 552-1613 ext. 2 or visit:

www.erh.noaa.gov/mk/Skywarn.html



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Boards & Commissions



Are you looking for a way to get involved in serving the Lynchburg Community?

According to the 2013 Citizens Survey, 77% of responding individuals rated the City of Lynchburg as "excellent to good," for opportunities to volunteer. Each year, hundreds of engaged citizens volunteer with churches, non-profit organizations, civic groups and with the City.

If you are looking for an opportunity to help shape the community consider joining the City of Lynchburg's volunteer force—your peers, neighbors, some familiar faces and some new—on one of the many City Council appointed boards and commissions. The City is in need of the talents and service of dedicated individuals who want to make a difference in the community.

The following boards and commissions will have vacancies when terms end in June 2013.* City Council will fill vacancies as they become available, reviewing applications from the volunteer pool.

- Youth Services Citizens Board
4 vacancies (3 eligible to serve again)
- City Employees Appeal Board
2 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)
- Central VA Community College Board
1 vacancy (not eligible to serve again)
- Board of Zoning Appeals
1 vacancy (eligible to serve again)
- School Board
3 vacancies (2 eligible to serve again)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Lynchburg Community Council
2 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)
- Economic Development Auth. Board
2 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)
- Museum Advisory Board
5 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)
- Historic Preservation Commission
2 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)
- Regional Tourism Board
3 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)

** Please note that although some individuals are eligible to serve another term, there is no guarantee that the individual will be reappointed.*

For more information or to request an application, contact the Clerk of Council, Valeria Chambers, at 455-3995. The application and additional information is available on the City's website under the I Need To...>>Volunteer... tab.



On a recent Saturday morning, hundreds of volunteers donned orange vests and safety gloves to rid the city of five tons of litter and trash! March 23 marked the 15th anniversary of the annual clean-up event which was sponsored by the Department of Public Works and Keep Lynchburg Beautiful.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers who took time to make Lynchburg a more beautiful place to live, work and play!