



CITY SOURCE

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The City of Lynchburg is a great place to live, work and play.

In 2014, as part of its Strategic Initiative, City Council adopted 12 priorities that would ensure that Lynchburg remains a great place to live, work, and play! One such priority is Citizen Engagement and Social Capital.

“Lynchburg citizens are engaged in participative democracy, interact with each other, learn from each other and together make the community more than the sum of its parts.”

Priority: Promote active and effective participation in civic affairs, democratic process, and community improvement efforts.”

One important way for citizens to become engaged in their community is to volunteer to serve on a City Council-appointed board or commission.

In June 2015, there will be anticipated vacancies on several boards and commissions. If you are interested in being considered to fill one of the vacancies listed below, please complete an application and return it to the Clerk of City Council, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504. Applications may be downloaded from the City’s website at www.lynchburgva.gov or call 455-3995 to request an application by mail.

The following boards and commissions will have vacancies when terms end in June 2015:

Youth Services Citizens Board
5 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)

Central VA Community College Board
2 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)

School Board
3 vacancies (2 eligible to serve again)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Lynchburg Community Council
3 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)

Museum Advisory Board
3 vacancies

City Employees Appeal Board
1 vacancy (eligible to serve again)

Board of Zoning Appeals
1 vacancy (eligible to serve again)

Economic Development Auth. Board
1 vacancy (eligible to serve again)

Historic Preservation Commission
3 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)

Lynchburg Parking Authority
1 vacancy

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



Parks & Recreation Calendar

April Outside!

April is a great month for spending time outside in the fresh air, and Parks and Recreation has some great ways to help you enjoy the month! Call 455-5858 for more information or visit www.lynchburgva.gov/parksandrec for detailed descriptions and to register online.

April 18 • Geocaching 101 • 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. • \$5.00 • Ages 12+
Riverside Park Small Shelter #1

Start your Saturday in Riverside Park with a search for hidden geocache “treasures” using your smartphone. We’ll find several real caches hidden in the park! Participants must have a smartphone or tablet with the free geocaching.com app. Register by 4/16.



April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28 • Fitness Walking in Nature – Blackwater Creek Bikeway and Trails • 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. • \$3.00 • Ages 18+

Join naturalists from Parks and Rec with a new twist on fitness walking. Explore the different sections of the Blackwater Creek Bikeway and trail system with this moderately-paced exercise group, combining the proven health benefits of cardiovascular exercise and immersion in natural surroundings. Treat yourself to a relaxing and healthy way to wind down after work! Register one day before walk.



April 1 – April 29 • Fifty Plus Softball • 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • \$10.00 • Ages 50+
Peaks View Park

Players of all skill levels participate in this coed team sport focused on fun, fitness, and friendly competition. Register and pay monthly by first day of play.



Thank You Parks and Recreation Volunteers!

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. Last year, volunteers donated more than 16,000 hours with Parks and Recreation to make Lynchburg a better place to live, work, and play!

April is Volunteer Month, and the Lynchburg Parks and Recreation Department is grateful for all of their volunteers! THANK YOU to the 500+ volunteers who served last year and to those who continue to serve each day. You made a difference in parks and programs. You helped children in the after school program, coached basketball and softball, taught a class, helped in the Nature Zone, painted, built rain gardens and trails, picked up litter, mulched, pulled weeds, and planted flowers, shrubs, and trees. Keep up the good work! Volunteers are always needed, so call Parks and Rec today at 455-5886 for more information on how you can volunteer.

Civil War Sesquicentennial Bus Shuttles To Appomattox

Volunteers Needed! (A message from the Tourism Dept.)

Did you know that this year marks the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War? Thousands of Civil War and history buffs are expected to descend on Appomattox in April to take part in the many activities planned for the commemoration.

The Sesquicentennial is just around the corner! Years of planning have gone into the celebration of our rich history and the Surrender at Appomattox. Thousands are expected to come and experience what life was like 150 years ago during the Appomattox Sesquicentennial events.

The people staying in the Lynchburg area, as well as many locals, will take advantage of our proximity to Appomattox. The Lynchburg Regional Convention & Visitor’s Center is partnering with Appomattox to provide free shuttle service during the busiest times of the festivities. The shuttles will run from 7:00 a.m. Thursday-Sunday, April 9-12.

We are in need of volunteers to help the guests and locals using the shuttles. Volunteers will help people find shuttle stops and get folks acclimated to the Appomattox schedule and locations. Some volunteers will also ride the shuttles and share some of the highlights available in downtown Lynchburg for riders to come back and enjoy. Shifts are four (4) hours each.

For more information and to volunteer, contact Sue Downs-Loyd by calling 485-7296.



Museum System Calendar

April 7 • Retracing the John Marshall Expedition • 3:00 p.m. • FREE / \$10
Lynchburg Museum, 901 Court Street, Lynchburg VA
Join Expedition Leader, Andrew Shaw as he retells the story of guiding his batteau up the James River retracing the John Marshall Expedition of 1812! Exhibit tour and refreshments follow.



May 3 • Mother Daughter Tea Party at Point of Honor • 2:00 p.m.
\$10 Adults + 1 child (additional children \$5 each)
Point of Honor, 112 Cabell Street, Lynchburg VA
Celebrate Point of Honor’s 200th year with tea and light refreshments in the Carriage House, kid friendly tours of Point of Honor, games, and mother & daughter crafts in the Carriage House. Reservations required.



Rain Barrel Workshops

Lynchburg Community Market, 1219 Main Street
Thursday, April 16, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

As part of a regional initiative, the City of Lynchburg’s Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District and the James River Association, is offering build-your-own rain barrel workshops and distributing low-cost rain barrels to the community.

Learn how to install and maintain a rain barrel and take one home! The fee is \$50 which includes a barrel, hardware, and instructions.

For more information or to register, please call (434) 455-3933 or send an e-mail to stormwater@lynchburgva.gov.



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LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOLS



Get Ready For Kindergarten

What: Kindergarten Registration Day
When: Wednesday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Where: All Lynchburg City Elementary Schools
Why: LCS staff will help you get your child ready for Kindergarten and make sure you have all the documents and records you’ll need so your child can start school on time. Plus, by registering now, schools can have a better understanding of how many Kindergarten students to expect for the 2015-2016 school year and plan accordingly with staff and classroom structure.



Online Registration Opens Monday, April 13 For Incoming Kindergarten Students

STEP 1
Log on to www.lcsedu.net, and click on the “SchoolFinder” icon to find out which school your child will attend.
STEP 2
Click on “Online Registration.” Be sure you have your child’s birth certificate, physical and immunization records to complete the online application.
STEP 3
Come to your child’s school on Wednesday, April 22 to finalize the registration process.

(Please Note: Online registration will open for grades 1-12 later this summer.)



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