

## City to Conduct Annual Test of Lynchburg Alerts System



On Thursday, September 22, the City of Lynchburg will conduct a test of its Lynchburg Alerts Emergency Notification System. Commonly known as a Reverse 9-1-1 system, Lynchburg Alerts gives the City the capability to deliver important emergency information when there is a threat to the safety and well-being of residents. The system can contact residents by telephone, email, text message, and cell phone.

The test will be conducted beginning at 6:30 p.m. Lynchburg residents can expect to receive an automated phone call to their home and cell phones or a text or email message alerting them that the message is a test. Residents will be asked to acknowledge receipt of the message.

Only residents with a landline telephone number or those who have registered online and included alternate contact information will receive the message. Residents who do not have a landline phone are strongly encouraged to sign up for the service by visiting [www.lynchburgalerts.com](http://www.lynchburgalerts.com). Once registered, you may choose how to be contacted during an emergency. Residents who have already registered with Lynchburg Alerts are encouraged to sign in and make sure their information is still correct. Anyone registering with Lynchburg Alerts will also have the option to receive non-emergency information of their choice, including street closure information, press releases, etc.

City staff will be available during the test to answer citizens' questions or concerns. Questions may be directed to (434) 455-3800.

## Lynchburg Police Department Partners with Raids Online



The Lynchburg Police Department is proud to announce a partnership with RAIDS Online. RAIDS (Regional Analysis and Information Data Sharing) Online, is a website dedicated to the dispersal of crime analysis and information from law enforcement agencies to the public.

The general public can now access crime statistics, trends, and hotspots throughout the City of Lynchburg by means of the RAIDS Online interface by visiting [www.raidsonline.com](http://www.raidsonline.com).

The RAIDS Online interface displays types of crime, incident locations, as well as the time a crime was committed in the city of Lynchburg. Residents will be able to search for specific types of crimes and filter the spectrum of their search. Residents will also be able to view computer generated analytics of the crime trends in their area. RAIDS Online is free to the public.

The Lynchburg Police Department considers RAIDS Online as an excellent tool to keep the residents of Lynchburg well informed of the crime trends throughout the city. The Lynchburg Police Department believes a successful partnership between the police and the residents they serve is improved through education, transparency, and an open line of communication.

A YouTube tutorial is available to learn how to navigate RAIDS Online at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DD2NeyT\\_1yc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DD2NeyT_1yc). Crime prevention tips, statistics, and a link to RAIDS Online can be found on the Lynchburg Police Department's website at [www.lynchburgva.gov/police-department](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/police-department).

## HEALTHFEST (Health and Wellness Fair)

Saturday, August 27  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Miller Park, 2100 Park Avenue  
FREE ADMISSION



As part of their mission to contribute to a healthy, active, educated community, Lynchburg's Parks and Recreation Department will host a Health & Wellness Fair in Miller Park on Saturday, August 27 to help connect Lynchburg citizens to available local health resources and opportunities.

This free, community event is open to all ages and will kick off with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the "Miller Mile" foot path. The fair will include health vendors, food trucks, a kids' zone, group fitness classes, a mini farmer's market, community art, live music, and health screenings.

For more information, contact Megan Heatwole, Parks and Recreation Department at (434) 455-5891 or [megan.heatwole@lynchburgva.gov](mailto:megan.heatwole@lynchburgva.gov) or visit [www.lynchburgparksandrec.com/programs-and-activities/healthfest/](http://www.lynchburgparksandrec.com/programs-and-activities/healthfest/).

## Public Safety Day

On Friday, July 15, the Department of Emergency Services (DES) partnered with Lynchburg Police Department and Lynchburg Fire Department to provide a "Public Safety Day" for area YMCA Summer Learning Scholars with approximately 45 scholars and their counselors in attendance.



The scholars gained useful information about fire safety and were able to interact with LPD Officers and engage in fingerprinting. They also learned and demonstrated the appropriate times to call 911, discussed items needed in an emergency supply kit, and toured the 911 Emergency Communications Center.

The event, organized by Emergency Services Specialist William Perrow, was an excellent opportunity for Emergency Services, Police, and Fire to partner with the community!

## 17th Annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference Arlington, Virginia September 30 - October 1, 2016



The annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference

provides an excellent opportunity for communities from across the Commonwealth to come together and share their knowledge, experience and vision on how to make Virginia's neighborhoods the neighborhoods of choice. While each neighborhood is unique, all neighborhoods across Virginia face very similar issues and challenges ranging from the basics of organizing to addressing the complicated issues of public safety.

Each year, the conference is attended by a diverse group of grass roots neighborhood leaders and youth, nonprofit and government staff, and others working in the field of neighborhood development.

Registration deadline: All registrations must be submitted or postmarked by September 5, 2016 after which conference registration will be closed. There will be no on-site registration during conference dates. Register online today at: <http://www.vsn.org/?id=172>

For more information, visit <http://www.vsn.org>



## 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 September 2016, there will be anticipated vacancies on several boards and commissions. You are encouraged to review the listing below. If you are interested in being considered to fill one of the vacancies, 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](http://www.lynchburgva.gov) or call (434) 455-3995 to have one mailed to you.

The following boards and commissions will have vacancies when terms end September 30, 2016. Applications must be received by September 26, 2016.

### Upcoming Vacancies • September 30, 2016

Social Services Advisory Board • 3 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)  
Board of Building Code Appeals • 3 vacancies (2 eligible to serve again)  
Redevelopment & Housing Authority • 2 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)  
Lynchburg Business Development Centre • 4 vacancies (3 eligible to serve again)

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

## Upcoming Events at the Lynchburg Museum

### History of Quilt Making with Dr. Barbara Rothermel

September 16, 3:00 p.m.  
Lynchburg Museum, 901 Court Street

Exhibit tour and refreshments follow program.  
\$10 per person, Members Free

### 19th Annual Day at the Point

October 1, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Point of Honor, 112 Cabell Street

This annual fall festival will bring living history, food, kids' games, crafts, period music, and much more to the grounds! *Free Admission*



## Lynchburg Public Library – Upcoming Events

For more information on these and other Library events, call (434) 455-6310.

### Author Reading: Molly Kate Brown

Thursday, September 8, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Lynchburg Public Library, 2315 Memorial Avenue  
Community Meeting Room

E.C. Glass alum and author Molly Kate Brown will be speaking and reading from her book, *Learning to Walk in India: A Love Story*, a tale about love, loss, friendship, and the power of the human spirit.

### Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Barnes and Noble, 4024 Wards Road

Help the Lynchburg Public Library while shopping at Barnes and Nobles. Pick up a book fair voucher from either the Main Library (2315 Memorial Avenue) or the Downtown Branch Library (City Hall, 900 Church Street), and then go shopping on September 17. Present the voucher at check out, and a percentage of your sale will benefit the library.