



## LYNCHBURG ALERTS

### Will You be Ready?

Emergencies can strike at anytime, anywhere and to anyone. They can happen quickly and without warning, and they can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or require you to take shelter in your home. When an emergency or disaster strikes, it is critical that you be able to receive important information for you and your family.

There is one simple, cost-free step you can take today in order to be prepared—sign up for Lynchburg Alerts, the City of Lynchburg's Reverse 9-1-1 system. When you become a Lynchburg Alerts subscriber, you can receive critical information quickly about things such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages in a variety of ways—your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You choose where, you choose how.

In addition to emergency information, you also have the option to subscribe to receive other types of information—changes in City services, important events and other information that may be of interest. You control what information you want to receive.

Don't wait until you are in the middle of an emergency or disaster. Subscribe today. It's fast. It's easy! Sign up today at [www.lynchburgalerts.com](http://www.lynchburgalerts.com).

#### TOP FIVE REASONS YOU SHOULD SUBSCRIBE TO LYNCHBURG ALERTS:

- 5 Subscribing is easy – just visit [www.lynchburgalerts.com](http://www.lynchburgalerts.com).
- 4 You can choose how you want to receive important information.
- 3 Subscribers receive information about City services, programs, etc.
- 2 Be the first to know about what's happening in your community!
- 1 Receive important communications about severe weather, disasters, road hazards and other critical information.

### Lynchburg Designates Safe Haven Sites

Abandonment of newborns in parking lots, bathrooms, dumpsters and other unsafe locations is, unfortunately, not uncommon. Abandonment of children is an extreme form of child neglect which can be due to various reasons and often leads to their death or injury. Many states across the country have adopted Safe Haven laws that enable a person to relinquish an unwanted infant anonymously. If a parent cannot care for his/her child, the baby can be brought to a designated Safe Haven location and left with a responsible adult, no questions asked.

In Lynchburg, Safe Haven locations include all Lynchburg Fire Stations, the Lynchburg Department of Human Services/Child Protective Services and local hospitals. Safe Havens are locations where infants up to 14 days of age can be turned over to staff, essentially with no questions asked.

Here's how it works: A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for their infant can give up custody of their baby, no questions asked. They must simply bring the infant to a Safe Haven location and make sure they locate a person to receive the child. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. It's safe. It's anonymous. No one else needs to know.

The Safe Haven law has been controversial in some states; however, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Campbell believes that "Our role is to carry out the law and not to pass judgement on the parents. Our goal is to help save a life."

Each fire station and the Human Services building will have a sign designating it as a Safe Haven location.



### LCS LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Online Registration for the 2016-2017 School Year

#### How do you register your child?



**Step 1:** Log on to [www.lcsedu.net](http://www.lcsedu.net) and click on "Registration Information" in the Quick Links box.

**Step 2:** Complete the Online Application. If you are a returning parent, please use your Parent Portal to register your child.

**Step 3:** Bring the necessary documents, including birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency, to your child's school. If you have questions about the registration process, call (434) 515-5000. We look forward to serving your child next school year!



### Turn Your Passion into a Thriving Business

#### What is CO.STARTERS?

CO.STARTERS is a nine-week program that equips aspiring entrepreneurs with the insights, relationships, and tools needed to turn business ideas into action and turn a passion into a sustainable and thriving business. During CO.STARTERS, you'll develop and fine-tune your idea, critically examining every part of it and tweaking your next steps through real-time feedback from people in the community.

The cost of CO.STARTERS is \$195 for City of Lynchburg residents and \$245 for non-residents. The program costs include:

- One on one support from a seasoned entrepreneur
- Nine weeks of classroom instruction
- Mentorship and class speakers
- Opportunity pitch for start-up funding
- Service hours from local providers

Classes will take place on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning Monday, August 22 and continuing for nine weeks. Applications are due Monday, July 25 and participants will be notified of acceptance by Monday, August 1.

Learn more and apply online at <http://info.opportunitylynchburg.com/co.starters-entrepreneur-training>.

### Upcoming Events at the Public Library

*Note: All events listed below take place at the Main Library, 2315 Memorial Avenue. For more information, call 455-6310 unless otherwise noted.*

#### Tiny Book Show

Thursday, August 18, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Community Meeting Room



The Tiny Book Show will be stopping at the Lynchburg Public Library to display a collection of tiny books handmade by artists and writers from around the world. They'll also be teaching a free workshop on how to make your very own tiny books.

#### Paint And Sip

Saturday, August 20, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Community Meeting Room

Create your own acrylic masterpiece while enjoying sparkling lemonade. Supplies provided. Seating is limited to 25 and is on a first come, first serve basis. Doors open at 12:45 p.m.

#### Volunteers Needed at the Library

The Lynchburg Public Library is in need of volunteers in the Computer Lab, assisting patrons with the computers. Volunteers are needed once a week for two hours. Apply online at [www.lynchburgva.gov/library](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/library) or in person at 2315 Memorial Avenue. For more information, call Melody Carlton at (434) 455-6306.

## THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG WELCOMES THE



For a full schedule of events, please visit:  
[www.commonwealthgames.org](http://www.commonwealthgames.org)

JULY 22-24

