

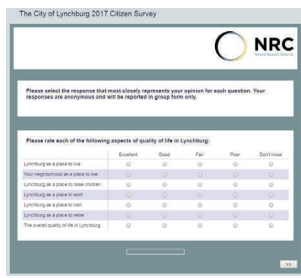
# CITY SOURCE

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## Lynchburg Conducting Biennial Citizen Survey

What is your opinion of the Lynchburg community? How would you rate refuse collection, snow removal or police services? Residents will find these questions and others on the City's biennial survey scheduled to begin this month. This is the sixth time that the City has contracted with the National Research Center to conduct the survey.



### ONLINE VERSION NOW AVAILABLE - DEADLINE: OCTOBER 23.

This year, an online version of the survey is available to all residents at <http://bit.ly/lynchburg2017>. The survey is anonymous, and the results will be included in the report that will be presented to City Council on November 14.

## Help Fill the Bins for Toys for Tots!

It's that time again! Christmas is only 69 days away and it's time for the Marine Corps Reserve's Annual Toys for Tots drive. Every year the Marines partner with our local Department of Human Services to bring joy to area children. There is a list of over 1,000 children from disadvantaged families this year! If you would like to spread a little holiday joy, please consider donating a new unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of 5-14. Donation bins are located in the following City facilities:

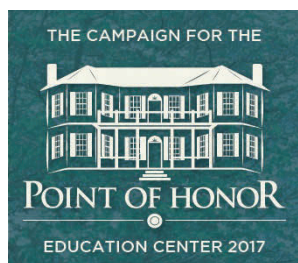
- City Hall Lobby, 900 Church Street
- All Fire Stations
- Lynchburg Public Library, 2315 Memorial Avenue



For more information contact Nancy Arthur, Human Services Department at (434) 455-5773.

## Point of Honor Launches Capital Campaign

Since 2006, the number of visitors to Point of Honor (POH) has almost doubled to 13,000 visitors per year. Family events such as Day at the Point and the Easter Egg Hunt alone generate between 2,500 and 3,500 attendees each. The previous additions to Point of Honor were the Carriage House and Kitchen, and these were built over 20 years ago.



To accommodate visitor growth, there is a pressing need for more restrooms, program areas, and gathering space. None of the three buildings on the property are handicapped accessible, storage is at capacity, and there are only two small public restrooms and one water fountain on site.

### The Proposed Expansion

The Education Center will be attached to the existing Carriage House along Norwood Street. It will provide an additional 1,700 square feet and will include a multi-purpose space, new restrooms, catering kitchen, and pantry. The Center was designed by Architectural Partners, Inc. of Lynchburg and uses design elements that match or are compatible with the existing structure.



An elevator will connect the Gift Shop to the Education Center and an at-grade pathway will link the Center to parking on Norwood Street. With these enhancements, the facility will become ADA compliant. The current access

directly into the Gift Shop will also remain so there will be several ways to comfortably access the facilities.

The second floor of the current Carriage House will be remodeled to offer new restrooms that can be accessed from outside and inside and two water fountains to better serve large groups. The remaining portion of the original meeting room space will provide much needed storage. The two existing restrooms on the first level will be retained.

### How You Can Help

Construction cost estimates were done in 2015 and 2016 by two different firms and both were very close at approximately \$750,000, which includes site work, new pathway, and a contingency budget. With architectural fees, other site costs, and furnishings the total is nearing \$1 million. Approximately \$115,000 has already been raised. Contributions may be made online or sent to the Lynchburg Museum Foundation, P.O. Box 529, Lynchburg, VA 24505. Please contact a staff member at (434) 455-6226 for more information. The Foundation supports the Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor and is a 501(c)(3) organization. Gifts to the project are tax deductible as prescribed by the IRS.

★ **FIRST** ★  
**Real Estate**  
**Tax Installment**  
Due November 15, 2017



Real estate property owners are reminded that the first installment for real estate taxes is due by Wednesday, November 15, 2017. NOTE: A 10% penalty will be assessed if the November 15 deadline is not met.

If you have not received a real estate tax bill or have questions concerning your bill, please contact the Billings and Collections Division at 455-3850. For questions regarding real estate assessments, please call the Assessor's Office at 455-3830.

Don't forget that you can pay online at [www.lynchburgva.gov/citylink](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/citylink).

## Main Street Bridge Project Pre-construction Meetings Planned for the Public

Contractors for the City of Lynchburg will begin the demolition and rebuild of the Main Street Bridge in early November 2017. Once demolition begins, there will be no vehicular or pedestrian traffic allowed across the bridge.



The City is holding two pre-construction meetings to share information on the timeline and process for this construction project. The public is invited to attend either meeting:

- Monday, October 30, 6:00 p.m., location to be announced soon
- Wednesday, November 1, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chamber, 900 Church St.

Originally constructed in conjunction with the Lynchburg Expressway, the Main Street Bridge has exceeded its functional life and requires replacement. In addition to its age and condition, the bridge is too low for larger vehicles to pass safely under it as they travel north and south on the Lynchburg Expressway (US Route 29 Business).

To address these deficiencies, the City is undertaking a project to replace the bridge. Key features of the bridge project include raising the height of the structure to provide greater clearance for vehicles passing under it as they travel north and south on the Lynchburg Expressway. Additionally, the bridge will be lengthened at both ends to provide greater clearance to traffic on the Expressway and to improve the acceleration and deceleration lanes used to enter or exit the north bound lane of Route 29 Business.

Several decisions have been made to shorten the length of time needed to complete the project, to prevent future impacts to the traveling public and to make the best use of funding available. To shorten the construction project length by approximately eight months, the bridge will be completely removed and replaced in one phase. Both retaining walls and sanitary sewers within the project require rehabilitation work as well. By including these repairs in the same contract, future impacts to traffic will be minimized. Finally, cost savings can be realized by eliminating the complexities of two-phase construction and reducing the project length by eight months. To accomplish the work, detours will be put in place to assure full access to businesses and residents.

An interactive detour map is available on the City's website at [www.lynchburgva.gov/main-street-bridge-replacement](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/main-street-bridge-replacement).

## City of Lynchburg Wins Virginia Municipal League Awards

The Virginia Municipal League (VML) is pleased to announce the City of Lynchburg is the winner of its 2017 Innovation Award in Community Health. Lynchburg also is the winner of the 2017 President's Award, which is given to the best of the annual award recipients.



The panel of judges selected Lynchburg for these awards for its Live Healthy Lynchburg initiative, started by Mayor Joan Foster and two local pediatricians in 2012. The program taps into existing resources and organizations and compiles them under a central umbrella campaign to improve the health of citizens in the city.

Lynchburg enrolled in the *Let's Move!* campaign to reduce childhood obesity and, after four years, had earned a gold medal in each of five *Let's Move!* focus areas. Lynchburg is one of only 78 communities nationwide to earn this distinction.

The annual statewide competition recognizes projects that demonstrate problem-solving, excellence in management, citizen participation, and service to citizens. VML received nearly 70 entries this year. The awards were recently presented at the 2017 VML Annual Conference in Williamsburg. Accepting the awards on behalf of the City were Council Member Jeff Helgeson, Human Resources Director Heather Brown, Council Member Turner Perrow and Vice Mayor Treney Tweedy (pictured above).

## City Launches Mobile Parking App

Paid parking in downtown Lynchburg just got easier thanks to a new mobile pay parking application named Passport Parking. Passport Parking will be available at over 400 off-street parking spaces in Downtown Lynchburg, including the Mid-Town Parking Deck, the Clay Street Parking deck and Lot E (accessible via Commerce Street) and Lot S (SunTrust Parking Deck).



PassportParking is free to download through the App Store or Google Play. Users can also manage their parking at [ppprk.com](http://ppprk.com).

## Loose Leaf Collection Begins October 30

Loose leaf collection begins October 30 for all Wards. Please rake leaves curbside but do not place in street. Leaf piles should be free of sticks, rocks and pine cones. City crews will vacuum leaves as promptly as possible. There is no charge for this service and no phone call is necessary.

Please Note: Bagged leaves may be placed at curbside for pick up during regular trash collection; however, you must use a prepaid City of Lynchburg Blue Bag.

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