



Mayor Michael A. Gillette
&
Vice Mayor Ceasor T. Johnson
join members of
Lynchburg City Council
in cordially inviting you
to attend the
Mayor's State of the City Address

Monday, March 4, 2013 | Council Chamber
7:00 p.m. | 900 Church Street

Reception to Follow

Inclement weather date: March 11, 2013



The start of a new year is always a great time for resolutions, and one of the best resolutions *you* can make is to prepare you and your family for any emergency. Whether it's devising a fire escape plan, putting together a disaster kit in case of a major storm or brushing up on your first aid skills, make a commitment to "Resolve to be Ready" in 2013!

The staff of Lynchburg's Government Channel, LTV, will be talking with local experts about the importance of being prepared when disaster strikes. From fires to floods to blizzards to – as we saw last summer – a severe windstorm, it's important to plan ahead to keep yourself safe.

Throughout the year, LTV will be showing you more about how to "Make a Plan, Build a Kit, Get Informed" during their "Resolve to be Ready" series on Comcast Channel 15.

... So resolve to keep an eye on LTV!



Join the Next Citizens Academy

The City is now accepting applications for its 10th annual Citizens Academy. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 15.

The Lynchburg Citizens Academy is an interactive program that focuses on informing citizens about the City's governmental processes. Elected officials, department directors and other City staff will host unique and informative sessions designed to give citizens hands-on experience in city government operations. The goal of the Academy is to have well informed citizens who will bring their specialized knowledge of how city government works back to their respective neighborhoods.

The Citizens Academy will begin on Thursday, March 7. The series of 12, two and one-half hour sessions will be held each Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. Each session is a combination of presentations and hands-on activities. Register online at www.lynchburgva.gov (under "Read About") or call 455-3800 for an application. Space is limited, so apply early.

Parks & Recreation Department: Upcoming Events

Chocolate Showcase at the Community Market, 1219 Main Street, Saturday, February 9, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Get ready for Valentine's Day! Enjoy kitchen demos and workshops or purchase some scrumptious delights from chocolate artisans!

Family Outdoor Fun

Backyard Bird Count!

Get tips and identification information from a local bird expert-then join with volunteers across the country to help Cornell University and Audubon Society researchers study the patterns and habits of native birds. Register by 2/11.

Maple Sugar Madness!

Learn how to identify and tap a maple tree. Discover the history of maple sugaring during this fun, family festival. Bring your appetite and enjoy pancakes and tasty maple syrup. Register by 2/22.

Check out these and other programs at www.lynchburgva.gov/parksandrec or pick up a copy of Parks and Rec's seasonal guide.



Water/Sewer Line Insurance

If you are a Lynchburg resident and have received a letter concerning water or sewer line insurance, please be aware that this is not a communication from the City of Lynchburg. The city does not endorse or support the information included in the letter nor does it have any financial interest in the company from which the letter was sent. Should you have any concerns, you are encouraged to contact your home insurance agent for additional information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Boards & Commissions



Will it be you? Will you say yes? Help shape your community by 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.

Contact the Clerk of Council at 455-3990 for an application, or print an application from the City's website at www.lynchburgva.gov (located on the City Council/City Manager page).

Below is the list of all City of Lynchburg Boards and Commissions:

- Airport Commission
- Building Code Appeals Board
- City Employees Appeal Board
- Community College Board
- Community Development Advisory Committee
- Horizon Behavioral Health (Formerly Community Services Board Of Central VA)
- Design Review Board
- Economic Development Authority Board
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Lynchburg Business Development Centre
- Martin Luther King, Jr./Lynchburg Community Council
- Museum Advisory Board
- Parking Authority
- Planning Commission
- Redevelopment & Housing Authority Board
- Regional Tourism Board
- School Board
- Social Services Advisory Board
- Towing Advisory Board
- Transit Company Board
- VASAP Board
- Youth Services Citizens Board

LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOLS



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

On Friday, February 8, Lynchburg City Schools will be accepting applications for the following schools:

Schools for Innovation:

- Dearington Elementary School for Innovation
- T. C. Miller Elementary School for Innovation
- Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation

Year-round School:

- William Marvin Bass Elementary School

Who can apply?

Applications are free to any city resident. On February 8, applications will be sent home with all Pre-K through seventh grade students and will be available at all Lynchburg City Schools, at the School Administration Building, and online at www.lcsedu.net. Anyone interested in having their child attend one of these schools, even if they live outside the school zone, can apply. Residents do not need to apply to the school if they already live in the school's zone that they are interested in attending.

What benefits do schools for innovation offer?

While LCS ensures a *Tradition of Excellence for All* at each of the 16 schools, the schools for innovation provide additional options and emphasis for students with unique interests such as performing arts, leadership, foreign language, and communications. For example:

- At T. C. Miller and Dearington, every fourth and fifth grade student has a laptop computer.
- At Dearington, additional focus is placed on leadership, entrepreneurship, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Spanish.
- At T. C. Miller, additional focus is placed on visual and performing arts and STEM.
- At Dunbar, additional focus is placed on performing arts, communications, foreign language, college prep and STEM.

What benefits does year-round Bass Elementary offer?

- Bass Elementary is a year-round school with five intersessions for students who need additional help with reading and math.
- Each third, fourth and fifth grader has a tablet.

Is transportation provided?

Transportation is provided once your child is accepted into one of these four schools.

How does my child get accepted?

You are encouraged to research each school to see if the benefits and opportunities will fit your child's interests. You can also call the school of interest to schedule a tour with the principal. Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 22, 4:30 p.m. to the IT Department of the School Administration Building, 915 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA, 24504. The applications will be reviewed by administrators, and parents will be contacted regarding their child's acceptance.

For more information on these schools and all of the Lynchburg City Schools opportunities, please visit www.lcsedu.net/ourschools or call 515-5000.

