



CITY SOURCE

Newsletter for the Citizens of Lynchburg

June 2012

Congratulations to the Citizens Academy Class of 2012!



(From left to right) Back row: Stuart Jones, Branden Bosch, Anthony Clark. Middle row: Lou Kibby, Debra Alexander, Cheryl Glass, Heather Wade, Jan Schroeder, Minna Lombardi, Walter Fore. Front row: Wanda Gills, Keith Hawkes, Lois Sandidge, Mae Berry, Brenda-Gay Efford, Mrs. W. E. Clark, III, Jackie Booker, Susan Hamlette-Evans, A.J. Chan, Tammy Searce. Not pictured: Ryan Hienkle and Ivorie Glass.

During the City Council meeting on May 22, twenty-two citizens were presented their Citizens Academy 2012 graduation certificates. The Citizens Academy is designed to give participants an insight into the operation of the various departments of the government. The goal of the academy is to have better informed citizens who will bring their specialized knowledge of how city government works back to their respective neighborhoods.

Twelve informational sessions were presented weekly during the spring at various government locations around the city. The sessions were lead by City department representatives, and often times presented a hands-on approach to learning about specific services provided by the City.

The next Academy will begin in March 2013. You may register online at www.LynchburgVA.gov.



Become a River Hero Home!

Program Prevents Stormwater Runoff While Reducing Stormwater Management Fees

It doesn't take a superhero to protect the James River's water quality. Through the James River Association's new River Hero Homes program, every homeowner in the James River watershed can take steps to improve water quality – and in some areas, save money in the process. The new certification initiative recognizes and educates homeowners to reduce the amount of stormwater and pollution leaving their property.

The new certification initiative recognizes and educates homeowners with an easy-to-understand plan on how river-friendly landscaping can effectively reduce their home's stormwater runoff.

While the program is open to all residents in the James River watershed, River Hero Homes may be of particular interest to residents of the City of Lynchburg, which currently offers property owners who live within its Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) area a monetary incentive to disconnect their downspouts from flowing into the city's storm sewers. The incentives are designed to help pay for the installation of stormwater management practices, such as rain barrels or planting rain gardens on their property.

Lynchburg will also begin assessing a Stormwater Utility fee in July 2012. Property owners will

have the opportunity to participate in a credit program to reduce the fee. The credit program includes the installation an use of best management practices that reduce stormwater runoff.

Information sessions are planned for interested homeowners in the Lynchburg area to learn more about becoming a River Hero Home.

- Thursday, June 14
- Wednesday, June 27
- Thursday, July 12
- Thursday, July 19

All sessions will be held at the Lynchburg Public Library Community Meeting Room, 2315 Memorial Avenue from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. To confirm your attendance, please RSVP to Michelle Kokolis at (804) 788-8811 ext. 204 or mkokolis@jrava.org. More information about the program is also available at www.jamesriverhero.org.

"The River Hero Homes program makes conserving and protecting the James River easy and convenient, all while helping homeowners save money," said James River Association Executive Director Bill Street. "The small steps detailed in the certification program can make a significant impact on the health of the river."

GLTC Offers Summer Youth Pass



GLTC has announced the return of the Summer Youth Pass! The discounted pass is valid for all students ages 18 and younger or a current 2012 high school graduate. The pass will be valid from June 8 through August 19, 2012 and is good for unlimited rides on GLTC buses.

The pass may be purchased for \$30 at the GLTC office (1301 Kemper Street) Monday - Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. There is a single page application form which requires the signature of the youth and his/her parent or legal guardian (if under the age of 18). GLTC will also take a photo of the eligible youth/student for the ID. Either proof of school attendance (Spring 2012 Semester) or proof of age may be required to process the Summer Youth Pass.

For more information, contact Natalie Wilkins, GLTC Community Relations Manager, at 455-4010.



Each year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes, flash flooding and other types of severe weather, despite advanced warning. In 2011, there were more than 1,000 weather-related fatalities and more than 8,000 injuries nationwide. Are you ready for severe weather?

With hurricane/flooding season starting June 1, now is the time to take steps to stay safe before, during and after severe weather. There are three simple, low-cost steps to start preparing your family today: get a kit, make a plan and stay informed. You can get more information by visiting www.ReadyVirginia.gov.

To help your family stay informed and receive that latest severe weather information as well as road closure information, follow Lynchburg Department of Emergency Services on Twitter (@Lynchburg DES) or by clicking "like" on their Facebook page (Lynchburg Department of Emergency Services).

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection

The next HHW Collection is scheduled for Sat., June 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information please visit the City's website at www.LynchburgVA.gov.

2012 Water Quality Report

The 2012 Water Quality Report is now available. Water bill customers received one in their May billing. Additional copies are available at City Hall and both the Main Library and Downtown Branch Library.

Wards Ferry Road to Close to Through Traffic

The City of Lynchburg will be replacing two culverts on Wards Ferry Road beginning June 11. The project should be complete by mid-August 2012.



Although every effort will be made to lessen the impact of this construction project on residents and businesses in the area, it is necessary to close Wards Ferry to through traffic throughout the duration of the project. Residents will have access to their homes at all times; however, motorists should use an alternate route.

Miller Park Pool Open for the Summer!



Beat the heat this summer at the Miller Park pool. The pool is open daily beginning June 10 through August 19. The facility boasts of an Olympic size pool, a children's pool area and a concession stand. Popular features include a twisting water slide, high dive and a kiddie area with a mushroom waterfall. An ADA accessible hydraulic lift chair allows those with special needs to enjoy the pool.

Hours of Operation

- Monday - Saturday
12 noon - 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admission

- Free for ages 2 and under
- \$2 for ages 3-15
- \$3 for 16 and up

For more information about the pool, call Lynchburg Parks & Recreation at 455-5858 or visit www.LynchburgVA.gov/parksandrec.

NOTE: The pool will be closed to the public June 20 through July 1 for an invitational swim meet.

Playcore Coming to Riverside Park

Riverside Park is getting a new playground! Thanks to the City of Lynchburg and the Lynchburg Rotary Club, construction will begin soon on the Playcore, the first fully-accessible public playground in Lynchburg. The Playcore will be located adjacent to the sprayground and basketball courts, so visitors will have the fun of watching the City's newest playground be built from the ground up.

To protect public safety during construction, the sprayground may be closed occasionally during the summer months. Please look for closing information online at www.LynchburgVA.gov/parksandrec, on the Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page, or call 455-5858 for more information.

City Council Special Meetings

- City Council Swearing In - June 26, 5:00 p.m.
- Mayor and Vice Mayor Selection - July 2, 10:00 a.m.

Both meetings to be held in Council Chamber, City Hall.

