



CENSUS 2020 TIMELINE

By now, homes across the country should have received invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. Here's a look at some of the key dates:



- **March 12 - 20:** Households began receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.
- **March 30 - April 1:** The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness over these three days. As part of this process, the Census Bureau counts people in shelters, at soup kitchens and mobile food vans, on the streets, and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments.
- **April 1:** Census Day is observed nationwide. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.
- **April:** Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers will also begin following up with households that have not yet responded in areas that include off-campus housing, where residents are not counted in groups.
- **May - July:** Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.
- **December:** The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.
- **March 31, 2021:** By this date, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

To learn more about the Census 2020, visit www.lynchburgva.gov/census2020.

BALANCING ACT

A Budgeting Tool for the Public

As Lynchburg City Council members begin the process of deliberating over the Proposed FY21 Budget, Lynchburg taxpayers have the opportunity to use an online tool to understand how officials hope to spend the money set aside for the City's General Fund as well as generate a personalized look at how their taxes fund local government services. The easy to use, interactive tool is called Balancing Act.



Taxpayers can access the tool by visiting the City's website, lynchburgva.gov/budget and clicking the Balancing Act button. Once there, the user can make choices by reducing, increasing or eliminating funding for departments and services. They can also use the Taxpayer Receipt function which will show how taxes paid by the individual are distributed. Users can experiment with adjusting City spending to help them craft specific suggestions for leaders but they should end with a balanced budget.

LANE CLOSURES NECESSARY FOR SHENTEL WORK

Old Forest Road & Timber Court

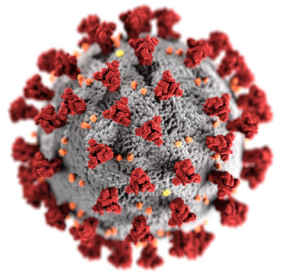
Now through Monday, March 23, 8:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. (excluding the weekend), a portion of Old Forest Road will be reduced to one lane in order for crews from Shentel to perform aerial and directional drilling line installations in the area. The work will begin near the intersection of Old Forest Road and Forest Brook Road on the southbound side (near Bojangles') and continue southwest towards the intersection of Old Forest Road and Timber Court; then northwest down Timber Court.

Timberlake Road and Wards Ferry Road

Now through Friday, April 10, 8:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. (excluding weekends),

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 - COVID-19

Due to an abundance of caution, the City of Lynchburg has made the decision to cancel or postpone the following events and activities in consideration of the health and wellness of the community.



CANCELED:

- Lynchburg Citizens Academy
- All Lynchburg Public Library programs, public meeting room use, and class visits through March 31.
- Parks and Recreation is canceling the Lynchburg Lyrics Songwriters Competition.

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- Lynchburg Citizens Police Academy
- State of the City Address
- Lynchburg International Festival

Due to rapidly changing conditions, you are encouraged to call event sponsors in advance.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES ARE IMPORTANT

The City of Lynchburg is encouraging residents to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for prevention of COVID-19. The CDC recommends the following as the best defense against the spread of this virus and other contagious viruses:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information from the CDC visit www.cdc.gov.

RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO USE ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO PAY CITY BILLS

At this time, all City of Lynchburg offices remain open. However, citizens are encouraged to use alternative methods to pay water utility bills, taxes and other payments to the City of Lynchburg.

In addition to mail, residents may use the online payment options at <https://webapps.lynchburgva.gov/citylink> or the City of Lynchburg's downloadable app (available at <http://www.lynchburgva.gov/apps>).

To pay parking citations or renew unexpired parking permits, visit <https://lynchburg.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth.aspx>

For more information about paying online, visit www.lynchburgva.gov.

portions of Timberlake Road and Wards Ferry Road will be reduced to one lane in order for crews from Shentel to perform directional drilling and buried line installations in the area. The work will begin near the back entrance of Heritage High School on Wards Ferry Road and will continue across the intersection of Timberlake Road and Wards Ferry Road; then southwest along Timberlake Road, crossing back over Timberlake Road at Misty Mountain Road.

Motorists should expect minor delays and use caution while traveling through these work zones, be alert to the changes in traffic patterns and obey temporary signage. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

TWO-WAY STREET CONVERSION

A Downtown Revitalization Tool

Recently, Lynchburg City Council voted to make Church Street and Main Street two-way based on the recommendation in Lynchburg's Downtown Master Plan. One-way streets allow for greater traffic and higher automobile speeds, while two-way streets provide the same functionality, while also increasing pedestrian safety and business visibility, essentials for successful downtowns.



ECONOMIC VITALITY

The most important reason for changing the traffic flow of a downtown is to improve the economic well-being of the commercial district and, more specifically, to boost the visibility and accessibility of the retail segment. In this regard making the circulation system more "customer friendly" is a prerequisite in increasing the retail of downtown and appealing to investors and merchants who are interested in coming to Main Street.

PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT

Changing the downtown environment better serves pedestrian movement for residents and visitors. Two-way streets are perceived to be narrower thereby slowing traffic which allows for more visibility to drivers. For instance, at 30 mph, the driver begins to see things at the road's edge; and at 20 mph, the foreground comes into focus. At 15 mph, motorists see pedestrians and other elements on adjacent buildings. This translates into safer streets for pedestrians.

SAFETY

Two-way conversion improves the livability of a neighborhood by significantly reducing crime due in part to more "eyes on street." A study in the City of Louisville found three years after the conversion crime dropped 23%. Auto theft dropped 36% while robberies dropped 42%.

BICYCLE MOVEMENT

Two-way traffic also reduces conflicts between autos and bicycles as traffic speeds are slower and allow for bicyclists to remain with the flow of traffic. All-way stops further the decrease in conflicts as driver awareness is elevated when they look to the left and right before proceeding.

INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES

Due to overall economic vitality and crime reduction, property values in the downtown area see an increase. Property owners take pride in ownership and neighbors demand property cleanliness and upgrades to building facades. Livable streets equal neighborhood prosperity especially when coupled with proven infrastructure improvements, such as street trees, public art and street lighting.

LOADING ZONES

Loading zones will be identified on a per block basis to serve deliveries to the businesses. These zones will be designated with signs and enforced by Parking Management staff. An all-day loading zone is proposed on Commerce Street where drivers can then access the elevator in the Midtown Parking Deck.

For more information and updates, visit www.renewlyh.com.



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