



CITY SOURCE

A Monthly Publication of the City of Lynchburg

Follow us on /lynchburggov /lynchburgva /LynchburgVATV

May 2020

2020

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

The City of Lynchburg extends congratulations to all of the area's graduates!

LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOL BOARD - VACANCIES

The terms of three Lynchburg School Board members will expire on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. One member from each School District 1, 2 and 3 have terms expiring and wish to be considered for reappointment. Please note that although individuals are eligible to serve another term, there is no guarantee that the individual will be reappointed.



Lynchburg City Council invites residents interested in serving on the School Board to visit www.lynchburgva.gov/school-board to complete an online application. An applicant for a position on the Lynchburg School Board who is selected for an interview by City Council will be required to sign a consent form authorizing the City to obtain the applicant's state and national criminal background records.

City Council will make appointments for three-year terms of office commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023. A public hearing will be held on May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 900 Church Street to receive nominations for appointment or re-appointment to the three School Board positions (one from each district). Applications must be received by the Clerk of Council prior to the May 26 public hearing.

For more information, contact Robin Craig, Clerk of Council at (434) 455-3983 or send an email to robin.craig@lynchburgva.gov.

UPCOMING PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

On Tuesday, June 23, voters will have the opportunity to participate in the U.S. Senate Republican Primary Election. The June Primary will select a Republican candidate to run in the November 2020 U.S. Senate Election.



Virginia voters do not register by political party; therefore, all persons qualified to vote may vote in the primary. Choosing to vote in a party's primary does not mean that the voter will be "registered" with that party.

Virginia law requires voters to present an acceptable photo ID when voting in-person. For a list of acceptable forms of photo identification or to find out how to obtain a free Virginia Voter Photo ID Card, visit www.vote.virginia.gov. Voters can also obtain information about the upcoming election and check their registration status on the site. For more information, call the Department of Elections at (800) 552-9745.

Upcoming Election Deadlines

- Tuesday, June 16 - Last day to request an absentee ballot mail
- Saturday, June 20 - Last day for in-person absentee voting
- Tuesday, June 23 - U.S. Senate Republican Primary

FIRST INSTALLMENT: PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Due June 5, 2020

Lynchburg residents are reminded that personal property taxes may be paid in full by June 5 or in two installment payments (June 5 and December 5). In addition, the full amount of the vehicle license fee must be paid by June 5. If you have not received a personal property tax bill or have questions concerning your bill, please contact the Billings & Collections Division at (434) 455-3850. Questions regarding personal property assessments should be directed to the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at (434) 455-3870.



CENSUS 2020: WHO'S COUNTED?

The 2020 Census asks a few simple questions about you and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020. If you are responding for your home, count everyone who was living and sleeping there most of the time as of April 1, 2020. This includes young children, foster children, roommates, and any family members or friends who are living with you, even temporarily.



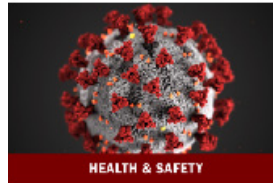
Please note that if someone was staying with you temporarily on April 1 due to the COVID-19 situation, they should be counted where they usually live. This includes college students, who should still be counted at school, even if they are home early because of the COVID-19 situation. If they live in student housing, the college will count them. If they live off campus, they should complete the census for their off-campus address and include any roommates or other people living there.

People in some living situations—including students, service members, and people in health care facilities—may have questions about how to respond or where they should count themselves. You may also have questions if you recently moved, have multiple residences, or have no permanent address.

For more information on who to count and the 2020 Census, visit www.2020census.gov/en/who-to-count.

COVID-19: LOCAL INFORMATION

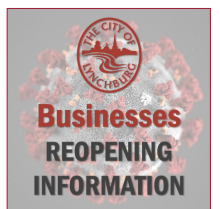
The City of Lynchburg has a variety of updated and recent information on its website as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. Categories have been created to help you easily find the information. The categories are: Health & Safety, Government, Social & Juvenile Services, Business Assistance, Food Services, Housing, Family Services, Lynchburg Public Schools and Activities. To access these pages, visit www.lynchburgva.gov and click on the COVID-19 Important Local Government Information square on the home page.



REOPENING INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES

Forward Virginia

During Phase 1 of the Governor's Forward Virginia reopening plan, businesses that have been closed due to the pandemic are required to follow specific guidelines for their business if they choose to reopen. The guidelines, which are divided into mandatory requirements, best practices additional considerations and resources to print and display are available online at www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia.



Restaurant Outdoor Seating Expansion

Restaurants planning to expand their outdoor seating during the Forward Virginia Phase 1 should first contact the Department of Community Development at (434) 455-3900.

Other Business Recovery Resources

A number of business recovery resources can be found on the City's website under the Businesses Reopening Information tab. Links are provided for reopening guides, business recovery, safety information, etc. Visit www.lynchburgva.gov to access the resources in one convenient location.

WATER CUTOFF SUSPENSIONS EXTENDED

In the interest of public health and safety, the City of Lynchburg's Department of Water Resources has decided to extend its suspension of all water service cutoffs for non-payment until further notice. The Department will continue to monitor the situation and customers will be notified in advance before the suspension is lifted.



Customers are urged to make every effort to keep their accounts current, and we appreciate customers who continue to pay their bills in a timely manner. Residents may mail payments, pay online via the City's website at www.lynchburgva.gov or drop their payment (check or money order only) in the dropbox located in front of City Hall, 900 Church Street.

The City of Lynchburg is committed to helping customers who are currently facing financial hardships during this COVID-19 pandemic. Customers having trouble paying their water bills should call (434) 455-3840. To learn about financial resources, contact the United Way's 2-1-1 Information Line.

2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Lynchburg's 2020 Water Quality Report is being distributed with the May water bills. A copy of the report is also available at www.lynchburgva.gov/drinking-water-quality-report, or call the Department of Water Resources at (434) 455-4250 to request a copy by mail. Additionally, when these facilities are reopened to the public, copies will be available at: the Citizens First Information Center located in City Hall, 900 Church Street, both branches of the Lynchburg Public Library (Main Branch, 2315 Memorial Avenue; Downtown Branch, City Hall, 900 Church Street ground floor) and at the Department of Water Resources, 525 Taylor Street.



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY CLOSING

Lynchburg Municipal Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Trash will be collected following the NORMAL schedule. Concord Turnpike Convenience Center is open Tuesday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Call Citizens First Info Center at 856-CITY(2489) for more information.

