The City of Lynchburg CARES Business Recovery Grant Program is a fund to offer financial assistance to businesses whose operations were either closed or restricted by the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is administered by the Economic Development Authority (EIDA) of the City of Lynchburg through an allocation of the City of Lynchburg Coronavirus Relief Funds provided through the federal CARES Act.

Applications open on September 3, the deadline to apply for consideration is September 8. All eligible businesses will receive a letter from the Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg.

Visit www.opportunitylynchburg.com/care for more information and to apply.

NEW TRASH COLLECTION SYSTEM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020!

The City of Lynchburg’s new trash collection system begins October 1. Trash decals have been eliminated, instead, a $10 trash service fee will be added to your monthly water utility bill. This new system also includes a different and improved method to collect your brush and bulk items. Your current trash collection day will NOT change. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during the implementation of this new system.

TRASH CARTS

Under the new system, you will no longer have to purchase a decal for your trash cart. Beginning with water utility bills, there will be a monthly service fee of $10 applied to your bill to cover the cost of trash collection. This change will be the same for every customer regardless of the size of the trash cart used. Please note that businesses located in the Central Business District that receive twice-weekly trash collection will receive a $20 charge on their water utility bills.

We understand there may be customers who will want to switch their 32-gallon cart to the larger, 64-gallon cart. You may do so by calling the Citizens First Information Center at (434) 856-CITY (2489) or complete the online form at www.lynchburgva.gov/trashcollectionform. Please be patient with us as it may take some time to process your requests. You will still be able to purchase blue bags should you have more trash than your cart can hold with the lid closed.

BRUSH AND BULK

After citizen engagement, research and study, it was decided that the current method of collecting brush and bulk items was not sufficient to meet the needs of our community. Beginning October 1, 2020, we will also implement a new schedule for brush and bulk collection designed to be more efficient and to better serve your needs.

TRASH COLLECTION DAY

BRUSH AND BULK PICKUP WEEK

Monday 1st Full* week of the month
Tuesday 2nd week
Wednesday 3rd week
Thursday 4th week

*FULL WEEK: Full seven-day week

Monday Trash Collection
Brush and bulk will be collected in your neighborhood the first full week of the month.

Tuesday Trash Collection
Brush and bulk will be collected in your neighborhood the second week of the month.

Wednesday Trash Collection
Brush and bulk will be collected in your neighborhood the third week of the month.

Thursday Trash Collection
Brush and bulk will be collected in your neighborhood the fourth week of the month.

Please have your separated brush and bulk items at the curb no earlier than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection week and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled collection week.

Residents may also brush and bulk items to the Concord Turnpike Convenience Center.

For More Information: Scan the QR Code
www.lynchburgva.gov/ public-works
Citizens First: (434) 856-2489

RIVERSIDE PARK OVERLOOK RENOVATION COMPLETION

One of the most iconic landmarks in Riversteel Park has been restored to its former glory... but not without a surprise or two along the way!

Last month, crews finished their work rebuilding the stone Overlook at the park and just beyond it, on the banks of the James River. The Overlook--40-year-old walls were taken apart, strengthened and then rebuilt entirely using the original stones. Crews were also surprised to discover ornate metal railings and pewter.

They soon realized what they thought was a planter was instead the old fountain that occupied a prime spot in the Overlook’s patio area. The fountain has always been restored and the fountains project still came in under the expected budget. Follow the QR code to see how the transformation took place, or visit the LTV, the Lynchburg Government Channel, on Comcast Channel 15 where there’s always something interesting on!

2020 ARTSTORM CALL FOR ARTISTS

The streets and sidewalks of Lynchburg are covered with art thanks to the Storm Drain Art Project, a network of over 15,000 stormwater drains. Whenever it rains, all the water in the storm drain, including trash, oil, gasoline and natural debris, is carried directly to the James River. In order to raise awareness about the importance of stormwater drains keeping the James River clean, Lynchburg Water Resources and the James River Council for the Arts and Humanities (JRC+AH) are inviting artists to submit designs for storm drain art in Downtown Lynchburg.

Six locations have been selected near Miller Park in Lynchburg, and artists are invited to submit printable designs that embody the following themes:

Stormwater Pollution: “Only Rain Down the Drain”
- Environmental Protection: Why clean water is important for everyone; "we’re in this together"; James River/Lynchburg Ecosystem: Local wildlife/habitat, natural beauty, community connection
- Lynchburg local history

Artists are encouraged to think of creative ways to translate one of these themes into artwork that will reflect the importance of keeping our storm drains free of dirt, oil, grease, particles, fertilizers, and pet waste. Additionally, a phrase with the message “Only Rain Down the Drain” must be incorporated into the design.

Entries must be submitted by August 30 for consideration. An independent panel of judges will award $3,000, $1,500 and $500 to the winners. The winning designs will be announced on September, and artists will install their artwork throughout October. Lynchburg Water Resources will supply all approved paint as well as a $25 stipend to each artist.

For more information or to submit a design, visit www.jamesriverarts.net/art-storm-art-project

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO PAY CITY BILLS

As a reminder, City Hall remains closed due to COVID-19. Citizens are encouraged to use alternative methods to pay water utility bills, taxes and other payments to the City of Lynchburg.

- Anyone making payments to the City may do so online at www.lynchburgva.gov, by mail or using the white drop box located in front of City Hall. No cash should be placed in this drop box, only checks and money orders, please.
- In addition to mail, residents may use the online payment options at https://www.lynchburgva.gov/ (portal) or the City of Lynchburg’s downloadable app (available at www.lynchburgva.gov/apps).
- To pay parking citations or renew expired parking permits, visit www.lynchburgva.gov/pc/parking/citizenPortal

For more information about paying online, call Citizens First at (434) 856-CITY.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY CLOSING

Lynchburg Municipal Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, September 7 in observance of Memorial Day.

Trash will follow the NORMAL schedule. Concord Turnpike Convenience Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Call the Citizens First Info Center at 856-CITY (2489) for more information.