

The Strasburg Signal



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The Strasburg Signal is published monthly by Town staff to inform citizens about town programs, services, and events. Your feedback is welcome. For suggestions, please contact the Town Office at 174 East King Street, PO Box 351, Strasburg, VA 22657, or call (540) 465-9197, or email info@strasburgva.com

DID YOU KNOW.....

The Annual Route 11 Yard Crawl has been happening for 13 years??? This year it will be held on **Saturday, August 12**. There will be 43 miles of bargains, in both Shenandoah and Frederick Counties. Pedestrians might not be watching as carefully as they should while seeking bargains and vehicles may make sudden turns or stops when they see the perfect item along the side of the road. **Please watch out for both people and vehicles.** Visit www.route11yardcrawl.org for more information. Also, please remember that on Friday, August 11th, students will be in school so if you are out and about, looking for early bargains, please be aware of school buses and school traffic.



END OF SEASON POOL HOURS

The Strasburg Town Pool will be open regular hours through **Sunday, August 6**. The pool will be closed **August 7 – August 11 and August 14 – August 18**, but will re-open for the weekends of August 12 & 13 and August 19 & 20. The pool will close for the season at the end of the day on Sunday, August 20th. Stop by and check out the new Shade Sails that have recently been installed. The pool added new picnic tables, fan-back chairs, and chaise lounges this season for use by our patrons.

LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO?

Looking for an activity, but don't want to drive far? Check these out!

- **Shenandoah Valley Music Festival, Orkney Springs**
August 11: The HillBenders and Seldom Scene
August 12: The Midtown Men
- **Shenandoah County Fair Parade, Woodstock**
Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Fair, August 24, 6:30 p.m.
- **BINGO** on Tuesday nights at the Middletown Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. Doors open at 5 p.m. with early bird games and regular Bingo at 7 p.m. Concessions available.
- **Hike** in the Shenandoah National Park or plan to attend the 2nd Annual Night Sky Festival, August 18 – 21
<http://www.goshenandoah.com/activities-events/festivals/night-sky>
- **Visit one of the local caverns** (Endless, Luray, Skyline, Shenandoah)
- **Visit the Strasburg Museum** to learn about local history and heritage

For ideas on more places to visit or activities to take part in, visit the Gateway to Shenandoah Visitor Center, 33229 Old Valley Pike, Strasburg. The Information Specialists will be able to help you plan your day or weekend! The Center is open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. This is **the** place to go *first* when planning local trips.

STRASBURG COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Friday, August 25 through Sunday, August 27
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

All books, including hardbacks, are \$2 or less!

195 West King Street
Strasburg, VA



SCHOOLS OPEN AUGUST 7



Shenandoah County Public Schools will open on **Monday, August 7th**. Drivers, please be on the lookout for children and be aware that students will be making their way to school by bus, car, foot, bike, scooter, or skateboard. Motorists need to be extra vigilant watching for children darting out from between parked vehicles and playing in and around sidewalks and crosswalks. Drivers also need to be aware of laws governing the sharing of roads and school parking lots with buses.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Michelle Miller Warren will be the featured artist at the Town Hall during the months of August and September. Her paintings are silhouettes of animals and plants. Stop by the Town Hall during regular business hours to view the artwork or plan to attend the Artist-of-the-Month Reception prior to the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, August 8th.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY FAIR

The Shenandoah County Fair will celebrate its 100th Anniversary this year. The Fair runs August 25 – September 2 and LOTS of activities are planned for this banner year. Monster Trucks, Demolition Derbies, Tractor Pull, Concerts, Livestock Shows, and Carnival Rides --- this is just a sampling of what to expect! Visit www.shencofair.com for a complete schedule. Remember, school will not be in session during the fair week.

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS

All of us sometimes forget to pay a bill. The Town of Strasburg offers "Auto Draft" for your utility bill. Here is how it works:


- Sign up at the Town Office (174 E. King Street) or call (465-9197) or check our website (www.strasburgva.com) for a form.
- Your payment will automatically be deducted from your bank account on the due date.

Other payment options are also available. Credit cards are accepted at the counter for utility bills. In addition, utility bills and taxes can be paid online using Official Payments (a small fee will apply for online payments). On the town's website, click on the "Official Payments" link and follow the directions given. The Town's jurisdiction code is "9004". **Please, always make sure you start an on-line payment from our website to ensure you are using the correct payment option for the Town.**

DMV2Go

Can't get to the DMV? Well, the DMV is coming to you...again! The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) mobile unit will be visiting the Town Hall again on August 23rd. DMV2Go is basically a DMV office on wheels, offering all the same services as a regular DMV office.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

 One of the easiest and best ways of keeping up with the happenings of Strasburg is to "like" our Facebook pages. The **Town of Strasburg** page will let you know about matters ranging from street closings to events sponsored by the town. The **Downtown Strasburg** page features happenings in the downtown area and other business news. The **Strasburg Park and Pool**, page will keep you posted of pool closings and events happening at the park and pool. Be in the know and "like" all the pages!

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST:

- Wednesday, August 2: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, August 9: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, August 16: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, August 23: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, August 30 **Trash Collection ONLY**

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 – National Night Out, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Town Lot behind Fire Department	15 – Trans/Str./Sidewalks Comm., 7 p.m.
8 – Artist-of-the Month Reception, 6 p.m. Town Council, 7 p.m.	22 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m.
10 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m.	23 – DMV2Go, Town Hall, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Public Input on Comp. Plan, 7 p.m.
14 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	24 – ARB, 7 p.m.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live.

Together, we are making that happen. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Special thanks to:



Live entertainment
by Shockwave

Children's activities
to include:
Bike Rodeo
Fireman's Obstacle
Course
Bounce House

Food Stand

Hosted by:
Strasburg Police
Department

STRASBURG TOWN
LOT

(Carnival Lot)

August 1, 2017
6:00 - 9:00 PM