



The Strasburg Signal



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Official Newsletter of the Town of Strasburg, Virginia

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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. Please, send comments to 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.....

This is the year for the Holiday Homes Tour! Plan to attend and see these wonderful homes, decorated for the holidays.



Strasburg's Holiday Heritage Homes Tour

Saturday, December 9th ~ 10a.m. - 4p.m.

Presented by *Strasburg Heritage Association* in partnership with *Massanutten Garden Club* Our gracious homeowners will make available six unique heritage properties for you to enjoy, view their individual decorating styles, interesting collections, documents, pictures, and share information about their home.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided at the Holliday House Bed & Breakfast at the corner of King and Holliday

Tickets \$10.

Available at the *Hotel Strasburg and Pot Town Organics*

*Homes may be visited in any order
Tour will be held Rain, Shine, or Snow*

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

The Artist-of-the-Month for December and January will Signal Knob Middle School and Strasburg High School art students. The students are taught by teachers Heather Fellers (SKMS) and Jennifer Walker (SHS). An Open House for the artists will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 6 p.m. If you can't make it to the Open House, stop by the Town Hall to view this beautiful artwork during regular business hours.

SANTA LETTERS

Just a reminder --- your child can receive a letter from Santa!

Santa's mailbox is up and ready to receive those special letters to Santa. The mailbox is located in front of the Town Hall. Santa's Elves will be sending out free letters from



Santa to each child who sends a letter. Your child may drop their letters off to Santa by ***December 11th*** and, in response, they'll receive their very own personalized letter back from Santa.

If you cannot come to the mailbox, email a letter to Amy Keller at akeller@strasburgva.com.

Parents (or grandparents) need to provide the following: child's name, **mailing address**, age, gender, and one of their accomplishments this year (good grades, learned a new skill, etc.)

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Your tree might not be up yet, but the Town Crew is planning ahead! Christmas Tree Pick-up will be January 3rd through 12th, 2018, weather permitting. All trees should be placed at the curb, free of ornaments by 8 a.m. Please note, if it is snowing, pick-up may be delayed.



***Wishing All a Wonderful
And Safe Holiday Season and
Best Wishes for a Happy New Year
From the Mayor, Council, and Town Staff
Town of Strasburg***

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Sammy Hoover
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Cody Mead
Roscoe Norris
Seth Peacemaker
Forrest Reynolds
Dexter Richman
Gabe Ritenour
Wayne Sager
Dee Sherman
Vince Sine
Wes Taylor
Christina Whorton

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Lightning Round!

What is the name of your business?

- *The Historical Homemaker Bakery & Cafe*

How long have you been in business?

- *Opened on Sept. 1, 2017!*

Tell us about your ideal customer.

- *Two ideal clients would be the residents of Strasburg and/or the tourists who would like to partake in breakfast, lunch and sweet treats.*

Tell us something unique or special about your business.

- *We offer traditional baked goods and breakfast, lunch items made on site at the store. Some of the items will be a weekly featured recipe of a historic nature (we've made Mary Todd Lincoln's cake, Mamie Eisenhower's fudge) The decor in the bakery reflects our love of American history.*

What is your favorite thing about Strasburg?

- *I love the small town appeal and the people have been so welcoming. It's a town that seems to remain untouched by modern times and has traditional American values.*

Where is your favorite place to eat out and why?

- *We love Mexican food. Really enjoy Jalisco's.*

Tell us a funny story about your business.

- *Many days you will find my dad washing dishes in the kitchen and my husband making sandwiches while I'm operating at the front (and the back...and everywhere!). Friends have been such a blessing to us when they come in and "put on an apron" when we need help. We have had a great time together and it's such a wonderful family and friends team effort of love (and fun!)*

If someone wants more information, how can they contact your business?

- *540 686 6883, thehistoricalhomemaker@gmail.com or www.thehistoricalhomemaker.com*

Each month we're going to ask a business to answer the following questions. This month we are featuring BlueScreen Computer Services



BEAR SIGHTINGS

Periodically, the town receives phone calls about bears being seen in neighborhoods. Here are a few tips from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries that might help to keep the bear population away from your back yard. Remember, it is up to you to change your behavior to avoid having a bear visit.

- Bird feeders, garbage, beehives, and pet food are the most common food attractants. Don't allow the bear to become comfortable on your property!
 - Secure garbage cans in a shed or garage.
 - Don't store food, freezers, refrigerators, or trash on porches.
 - Feed only what your pet will eat in a single feeding or feed inside; remove uneaten food.
 - Do not put meat scraps in the compost pile.
- Use harassment techniques along with removing items that attract bears.
- Talk to your neighbors and ask that they discourage bears by removing the attractants.
- If you see a bear on your property, respect the bear's space and stay away. If it is in a tree, leave it alone and keep your pets away so it will leave on its own.

Never deliberately feed a bear; **this is illegal!** We all need to work together to keep bears wild. For more information, contact the Wildlife Conflict Helpline at (855) 571-9003 or visit: www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER:

- Wednesday, Dec. 6: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, Dec. 13: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, Dec. 20: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, Dec. 27: **Trash & Recycling Collection**

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 1 – Yuletide Celebration, 6 p.m. | 9 – Holiday Homes Tour, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. |
| 2 – Home for the Holidays Celebration, Parade @ 4:30 | 12 – Artist-of-the-Month Reception, 6 p.m. Town Council, 7 p.m. |
| 2 – Community Garden Groundbreaking, noon | 14 – ARB, 5:30 p.m. BZA, 7 p.m. |
| 4 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m. | 18 – Town Office Closed, 11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. |
| | 25 & 26 – Town Office Closed |
| <p>January 1, 2018 – Town Office Closed</p>  |  |

REMINDER: Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are due on December 5th.