



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, call (540) 465-9197, or email info@strasburgva.com

DID YOU KNOW.....

Note: Peoples Drug Store began in 1916 and operated for a hundred years. See the full article in the SHA Newsletter, Winter 2017

Ginnie Himelright Finrock's work at Peoples spanned 45 years, from June 1971 to October 2016 when they closed. "We were very fortunate that some customers were lifelong; some customers in 2016 had been customers in 1971," said Ginnie. But some things changed. "In 1971, I went to work wearing a dress or skirt and blouse, dress shoes and stockings. In 2016 we could wear jeans and a t-shirt if we wanted to." Ginnie went on to say, "In the 70's, you'd get a case of something in the storeroom and it would be stocked on the shelves; in later years, an order would come every day. We might order one of something because it only took a day to get it." Ginnie remembers Peoples had "In house drug store charge accounts until 2003". "And in the 70's, we had a full service ice cream soda fountain." Peoples was a popular after school place to get ice cream or a soda. "Election day was very busy because people would take care of business while they were in town," said Ginnie. "How things progressed and changed. We used to hand record everyone's prescription on large index cards, and when we did a refill, we hand wrote it on the back of the card. The information on the pill bottle was typed on an electric typewriter. Codes for insurance billing were written by hand too."

"One thing that stayed constant was the personalized service and the way our customers were treated," Ginnie said. "In my opinion, I feel like we had good relationships with our customers. You weren't a number, you were a person. We had the willingness to go the extra step to make sure our customers got what they needed." That's what a small town drug store is all about. Good customer service, but more than that -- not only was Peoples Drug Store a small town business, it was a business where the staff knew the challenges their customers faced each day. When your customers are your neighbors and your classmates and those you sit beside in church or at the high school football game, you possess an understanding that you might not otherwise have. This is why Strasburg will forever hold Peoples Drug Store dear to its heart.

Excerpt from Strasburg Heritage Association newsletter, "A Little Folk History: Peoples Drug Store" by Kathy Kehoe

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2018 is now available. To view online, please visit the town's website, www.strasburgva.com or stop by the Town Office for a paper copy.



FREE! RAIN OR SHINE!

Front Porch FRIDAYS MUSIC SERIES

FOOD + DRINK! BRING A BLANKET!

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| JUNE 7 | DIABLO DIMES |
| JUNE 14 | SHOCKWAVE |
| JUNE 21 | FIVE OF A KIND |
| JUNE 28 | ROBBIE LIMON |
| JULY 5 | SHS ENSEMBLE |
| JULY 12 | SONS OF LIBERTY |
| JULY 19 | CAZHMIERE |
| JULY 26 | BLUES CONDITION |
| AUG 2 | CON BURCH TRIO |
| AUG 9 | INSTIGATORS |
| AUG 16 | FRINGE BENEFITS |
| AUG 23 | STRONG WATER |

Strasburg Square
7-9PM

STRASBURG VIRGINIA RIDE SMART Northern Shenandoah Valley RAIN LOCATION

JUST A REMINDER

The 2019 Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes are due on June 5, 2019. You may pay in person, by mail at P.O. Box 351 Strasburg, VA 22657 or online at strasburgva.com



Failure to pay by the due date will result in a 10% penalty on the tax and a flat \$10.00 penalty on the license fee.

If you have questions please call the town office at 540-465-9197.

FREE FAMILY FUN

FISH FRY FLOAT

For Father's Day

Free Kayak Shuttle (pre-registration)
 \$\$: Box Office + Siblings Brew Garden
 \$\$: Skrimp Shack Food Truck
 \$: JP's Sno-Cones
 Blues Condition Band
 Petting Zoo + Facepainting
 Dolphin Bouncy Water Slide
 Games, Exhibits, Nature Discovery
 Watermelon Eating Contest

FRIENDS OF THE NORTH FORK OF THE SHENANDOAH RIVER STRASBURG VIRGINIA

SAT. JUNE 15TH, 2019
 11-4PM ~ STRASBURG TOWN PARK

SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF STRASBURG AND THE FRIENDS OF THE NORTH FORK

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Champion Tattoo Company
With Butch Johnson 

How long have you been in business?
~ I have been tattooing since 1996, owning tattoo studios in Leeds, UK, Barcelona, Spain, and Washington D.C.

Who is your ideal customer?:
~I love clients who are open to suggestions and let me use my artistic freedom to turn a tattoo into something unique and personal, and show them styles that can work better for what they are after.

What is your favorite thing about Strasburg?
~I love seeing all of the old buildings and houses in the community, the art murals, the support of the school sports, and a vibrant downtown with hard working small businesses instead of corporate takeover. All this with a beautiful scenic and natural backdrop of the mountains and river!

What is a funny or memorable story?
~Well the Grand opening of the studio was a great day and memory for me! I held a fundraiser which raised \$920 for the Little League to have a roof and dugout built for the kids. I tattooed 23 people that day until 1am including the Mayor with the Strasburg symbol! Doesn't get much better than that!

Contact Information:
~<http://www.championtattoo.com/>
~E-mail: butchworks@mac.com
~Facebook Message Us and Follow us on Instagram!

Thanks! ~Butch

TRASH AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES

In order to help make trash and recycling collection days run smoothly, please be sure all trash is in the proper type of container. Garbage containing animal (meat) or vegetable matter needs to be in an **airtight** metal or plastic container, not weighing more than 30 pounds. All trash that will not decay or ferment (paper, etc.) can be in any kind of receptacle and should not weigh more than 50 pounds. Containers should only be filled level with the brim. Recycling containers should be labeled with a **"RECYCLING"** label which can be obtained at the Town Office. All trash and recycling should be placed out for collection before 7 a.m. on collection day and not before noon on the day before.

TALL GRASS

Grass is growing and mowing season is here! Please, keep in mind -----

- It is the property owner's responsibility to mow and maintain their lawn and the height of grass should not exceed eight (8) inches.
- Properties whose grass exceeds eight (8) inches will receive only **ONE NOTICE** of violation for the entire year before the Town cuts your grass and sends you a bill.
- Lawn maintenance is very beneficial! Mowing height and frequency will determine how healthy and attractive your lawn looks.
- Violations can be reported through your mobile device with a free mobile app, Your GOV.



STRASBURG AND BASEBALL: A COMMUNITY AND VALLEY TRADITION

Join us for a presentation to be made by Dennis Stickley, photographer and baseball enthusiast, about the history of baseball in our community. Dennis will begin the program with some local history, photographs, and stories from baseball in the area. But the program is meant to be a "come and share" afternoon. He urges folks to bring pictures and share stories about baseball in Strasburg and the area over the years. Also, he has pictures that he needs people to help identify who, where, and when!



We will have scanners on site to make copies of information that will document baseball's history in the community and that can become a part of SHA's archives.

Sunday, June 23, 2 – 4 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church – 193 W. Washington Street – Strasburg

Sponsored by the Strasburg Heritage Association

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CHILDREN'S SUMMER ART CAMP!

June 24th through June 28th
10:00am - 12:00pm

Instructor: Roberta Demski
Upcoming 2nd Grade through 4th Grade
Cost: \$50 each or \$40 for multiple within same household
Cost includes: Supplies, Instruction, + Snacks!
Market Pavilion at Strasburg Square, 216 E. King St.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE:
VECCA.COM & STRASBURG TOWN HALL

More information Contact Donna Patton:
540-459-4226 or dkpatton@shentel.net

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL:

- Wednesday, June 5 : **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, June 12: **Trash & Recycling**
- Wednesday, June 19: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, June 26: **Trash & Recycling**

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 3 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m. | 17 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m. |
| 6 – Rec/Parks/Trails Comm., 7 p.m. | 25 – BZA, 5:30 p.m. Planning Comm., 7 p.m. |
| 11 – Town Council, 7 p.m. | 27 – ARB, 7 p.m. |
| Front Porch Fridays: 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7 p.m. | |

June 2019



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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