



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. 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.....

Town Hall is once again open for in-person customers. We are taking payments and handling any simple issues through our side window (beside the parking lot). If you need to come inside to speak with our staff, we will ask you to wear a face covering. Thanks for your patience and let us know if you have any questions.

PLEASE CLEAN-UP AFTER YOUR DOG

It is unlawful to allow your dog to defecate on public or private property except under the provisions of Town Code Section 18-33 which reads: It shall not be unlawful to allow defecation by such animal within the described public or private property if the owner of the animal removes the animal's excrement immediately and disposes of it in a public trash receptacle or in a public sanitary sewer, or on the owner's own property in a lawful manner.



These same regulations apply when walking on the River Walk or exercising your dog at the Dog Park or when walking along all town streets and sidewalks.

Walking should be enjoyable to all and dog owners can help by following these rules.

NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED

Congratulations to Mayor-elect **Brandy Boies** and Council Members-elect **Dane Hooser, Christie Monahan, Doreen Ricard, and Paul Weaver**. All will take office on July 1. Leaving office will be Mayor **Rich Orndorff** and Council Members **Kim Bishop, Barbara Plitt, Scott Terndrup, and Jocelyn Vena**. An article on years of service and ways these people have served the community will be included in the July newsletter.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

On April 6th, the Town Council passed an ordinance which allows the Town to hold electronic meetings for the continuancy of government. To access the

meetings, please visit the Town's website, www.strasburgva.com, for instructions to join the ZOOM meetings. Stayed tuned for updates to meetings.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!!!!



The first half of 2020 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills have been mailed and should have arrived in your mailbox by now. If you have questions or have not received your statements, please call the Town Office at 540-465-9197 or email eritenour@strasburgva.com.

The due date for this bill is **June 5, 2020**.

- Zero penalty for late payments through September 3, 2020. 10% penalty will be effective September 4, 2020
- Zero interest for late payments until June 30, 2021. 10% interest annually will be effective July 1, 2021.

Just a reminder, Shenandoah County and the Town of Strasburg are non-prorating jurisdictions, so if you owned a vehicle on January 1, 2020 you will be billed for the entire year of 2020.

PROPOSED FY2020-21 BUDGET

The schedule for adopting the proposed FY2020-21 Budget is that a Public Hearing will be held on June 1 with a vote on the budget to take place during the June 9th Council meeting. Please, stay tuned for updates to this schedule. Updates will be posted on social media and on the Town's website.

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE:

- Wednesday, June 3: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, June 10: **Trash & Recycling**
- Wednesday, June 17: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, June 24: **Trash & Recycling**

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	15 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.
9 – Town Council, 7 p.m.	23 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m. (tentative)
	25 – ARB, 7 p.m. (tentative)

FAQ

Trash & Recycling Town of Strasburg

Q. When will the new contract begin?

Strasburg is entering into a contract with Waste Management of VA (WM) on July 1st, 2020.

Q. How much does the service cost and what does it include?

The service cost is \$11.95. WM will be providing one 96-gallon cart for free. Additional carts can be leased for \$1 per month or purchased for \$65 + delivery.

Q. Will this company recycle?

Due to major changes in the recycling market, our vendor is no longer able to offer curbside recycling pickup and the monthly \$2.05 recycling fee will no longer be included.

Q. When was this decision made and why WM?

The contract with the current provider ends in June of 2020. In an effort to attract more providers, the Town entered into a cooperative request for proposals with neighboring localities. The Town Council discussed the topic at the April 6th and April 14th meetings and, at that time, chose to not charge residents the full cost of those services for this year.

Q. Why is there an increase in the cost for this service?

While Waste Management submitted the only bid for these services, the previous contract with ADS was much lower than the average for our area. With the worldwide changes to solid waste and recycling, costs for these services has increased like costs in nearly every other area of the economy.

Q. What am I allowed to recycle?

Clean + dry plastic bottles with necks, clean Glass, clean paper, paperboard and cardboard and clean + dry aluminum and tin - Find the locations below.

Q. What day will be Trash Day?

WM has created a quadrant system, separating the Town into 4 sections. Each will have a different pickup day, allowing for a more efficient system. Quadrants will be assigned in the coming months.

Q. What if I don't need the 96-gallon cart size?

The contractor will be able to provide 64-gallon carts upon request after the original roll out for those who prefer that size. The contractor provided cart is to ensure compatibility with their truck.

Q. Can I continue to use the cart that I have?

The existing leased carts through ADS will be picked up at the end of their contract - late June or early July. New carts will be dropped off prior to the first new pick-up date.

Q. Will there still be a bulk pick-up day or tagging system available?

The Town is exploring seasonal bulk pick up days, and will share more information as it becomes available.

Q. Can I opt out of the program?

All Town of Strasburg residents are automatically included in the program and are not able to opt out. The contract is based on each resident being counted and, therefore, allows the price to be competitive for everyone else.

Q. How can I recycle?

Sorted recyclables can still be taken to Shenandoah County Landfill, or any of their convenience sites:

- o 321 Powhatan Road, Strasburg
- o 25360 Old Valley Pike, Maurertown

For more information:

Strasburg Town Office

P: 540.465.9197

www.strasburgva.com/trash