

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 ----- COMCAST CONTINUES WORK IN STRASBURG

Comcast has begun work in Strasburg that will result in the construction and operation of a Cable System. The Town granted Comcast a Franchise Agreement in November 2021. Property owners may notice markings on the ground (MISS Utility) prior to work to avoid any existing utilities within the right-of-way, followed by Comcast contractors installing the cable within the right-of-way through various methods (e.g. borings, excavations, etc.). Work is being confined to the right-of-way or easements as much as possible and this area and any other areas that are disturbed will be fixed/repared once the work is complete. As a property owner, you may want to take a photo of the area prior to the work to document the existing conditions. Work is anticipated for the foreseeable future until all areas of the town are complete. **If you have any questions or concerns regarding the undergrounding of Comcast cable in your neighborhood, please contact the Town of Strasburg at 540-465-9197.**

As the Town receives information from Comcast, it will be posted on the home page of the Town's website at www.strasburgva.com.

TAX TIDBIT

If you have an outstanding tax bill you will be receiving a "reminder" in the mail in the next few weeks. We will begin adding DMV stops to accounts in September 2022.

Please be aware if your account has a prior year balance, a DMV stop may already be in place. There is an additional fee of \$45.00 and you will be unable to renew your vehicle registration until the balance is paid in full.



RATE INCREASES

Last month, the newsletter noted changes to fees and rates that came with the adoption of the FY2023 Budget. Please note, you will see the increase in your sewer rate on your bill for this month. In-town rates increased by 4% and out-of-town rates increased by 6%. Also, trash collection fees will now be \$13.38 per month; additional carts are \$1.05 per month. For additional changes, please refer to last month's newsletter.

Water System News!

Fort Hill Water Tank Paint Project

The Fort Hill water tank, located at 326 Banks Fort Road and built in 1930, is due for new paint. Because the old paint needs to be removed and it contains lead, the tank will be completely enclosed, and an air filtration system will be used to safeguard area residents. Once the new paint is applied (same color as it currently is painted), the cell antennas will be remounted, and the tank placed back in service. The project should be complete around October of this year.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project

The Strasburg Town Council recently approved a contract with Core & Main, LP, out of Martinsburg, WV, to convert our water meter system from a combination of walking routes and drive-by routes to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system. AMI systems use radio repeaters throughout Town that can communicate with new meters directly and upload data quickly and accurately to Town Staff. The new AMI system will include an online customer portal that residents can use to help trouble shoot water leaks, monitor daily usage, and even notify water users by text message or email if a leak is detected or if more water is used than expected. The AMI system is expected to be completed near the end of this year.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding either project, contact Director of Public Works Jay McKinley at 540-465-9197 or jmckinley@strasburgva.com.

2022 Second half taxes will be due on Dec. 5.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Strasburg non-profit organizations thrive mainly through their “staff” of volunteers. The Town of Strasburg is trying to help non-profits by highlighting groups each month. Check out the newsletter to help find just the group you would like to volunteer for.

STRASBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD



Are you ready for a new mission? The Strasburg Volunteer Rescue Squad needs YOU!

Volunteers needed as:

Paramedics

EMTs

Drivers

Support Staff

Training offered to all new members.

Contact a member at 540-465-8272 or apply online at www.SCFR.net

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Tuesday, August 2nd, 6 – 9 p.m.

Town Park

(Pet Free Event)

Pool Party, 6 – 9 p.m.

SCHOOLS OPEN AUGUST 16TH

Yes, it is that time of year again! Shenandoah County Public Schools will open on **Tuesday, August 16th**. 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.



KIWANIS POOL PARTY

The LAST Pool Party for the year will be on:

Thursday, August 11th

Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION and

FREE Hot Dogs, Chips, and Popsicles

Come and Join the FUN!



\$1.00 COUPON

\$1.00 OFF ANY BOOK PURCHASE IN BOOK SALE ROOM

Redeemable at Strasburg Community Library
One coupon per customer
Valid until 9/2/2022



Free Events

Baby Rhyme Time

Wednesdays 10 a.m.

Pre-School Story Time

Thursdays 10 a.m.

**Nancy Kibler Rabe
Local Artist**

Preview, August 22
Reception, Sept. 17

August \$1

Novel Sale
Patricia Cornwall,
Clive Cussler,
Robert Parker and
Tom Clancy

Shenandoah's 250th

Visit the Library for special displays

**AUGUST 2022
STRASBURG
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY**

Volunteer Opportunities!

The Strasburg Community Library is open thanks to its dedicated volunteers. More volunteers make light work and may allow the Library to be open more hours.

Volunteers at the circulation desk work in teams - we'd like to add new folks to this friendly customer-service group. If selling retail is your thing, the entrepreneurs (also friendly) in the Book Sale Room would welcome your help.

Won't you consider volunteering at the Library? We provide training, a flexible schedule and the time commitment is usually 2 or 3 hours once every week or two weeks. Interested? Stop by the Library, email or call for more information.

195 W. King St. 540-465-8464 email: stlib@shentel.net
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FRONT PORCH FRIDAYS FOR AUGUST

7 – 9 P.M., Strasburg Square

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| August 5 | Hustle Souls |
| August 12 | Kids Night |
| August 19 | Sons of Liberty |
| August 26 | The Alex Hilton Band |

**Shenandoah County 250th Anniversary
1772 – 2022**
Honoring Our Past – Inspiring Our Future
**Commemorative Pots Available at the
Strasburg Museum**



AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 – Council Work Session , 7 p.m.	23 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m. (tentative)
6 – Council Retreat, 8 a.m.	25 – ARB (tentative)
9 - Town Council, 7p.m.	September 5 – Labor Day, Town Office Closed!

Strasburg Visitor Center Hours
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE
TOWN OF STRASBURG



Police Officers: The Town of Strasburg is currently seeking applicants for the position of Police Officer. Officers are responsible for maintaining the safety and order of the community by enforcing all laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and ordinances of the Town of Strasburg. Candidates should possess the ability to deal effectively with juveniles and adults, to analyze evidence, to question and interview skillfully, to organize and prepare clear and concise written reports and oral testimony, and to establish effective working relationships with the general public and coworkers. Certified candidates preferred.

Water Treatment Plant Operator/Trainee: The Town of Strasburg currently seeks a self-motivated individual with a Class 4 Waterworks license or higher and/or an individual that will accept the challenge of training to become an operator. This position requires a responsible, dedicated individual that has the ability to perform each essential function satisfactorily, displaying the knowledge, skill, and ability to perform all aspects of water treatment.

Public Works Technicians: The Town of Strasburg is seeking qualified individuals to perform intermediate skilled trade work assisting operations, construction, and maintenance projects, repairing and maintaining machinery and equipment, maintaining records and files, and related work as apparent or assigned. Work is performed under the limited supervision of a Foreman. Positions available on horticulture, streets, and utilities crews.

For additional information, education and/or experience requirements, and job descriptions on all positions and instructions for applying, please visit the Town's website, www.strasburgva.com.

The Town of Strasburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Come and meet
Justin Ruger
author of
"Henry Meets a Honey Bee"

Wednesday, August 10th
From 1-4



Sugar Creek
Ice Cream
will also be
here

STRASBURG VISITOR CENTER
22339 OLD VALLEY PIKE



Friday, 8/5/2022 | 2:30 - 7:30 PM
+ Friday, 8/26/2022

FEATURING :
shoppable jewels, friendly faces,
+ a choose-your-own charm bar!

POP UP + CHARM BAR!



during @discoverstrasburg's
Front Porch Fridays



THE TOWN OF STRASBURG'S

ADULT KICKBALL FALL LEAGUE 2022

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

SEPTEMBER 11TH-OCTOBER 16TH
TOWN PARK

SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 3RD!

PLAYERS: 8 (MIN) TO 12 (MAX)
\$50 PER TEAM
SOLO PLAYERS WELCOME (\$10)
AGES 15+
2:1 M/F RATIO

REGISTER YOUR TEAM! MVARLEY@STRASBURGVA.COM