



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.....

THE TOWN OF STRASBURG IS HIRING!



BE A PART OF THE TOWN'S PUBLIC WORKS TEAM!

Applications are *NOW* being accepted for **TECHNICIANS** for the
Utilities Crew
Horticulture Crew
Streets Crew

Visit www.StrasburgVA.com or email rheishman@strasburgva.com

Full time employees receive a great benefit package including health, dental, vision, and prescription insurance; VRS retirement; paid annual, sick, and holiday leave, and MORE.

Apply now!

DO YOU KNOW? TAX TIDBIT

Did you know that any outstanding balance due on Real Estate or Personal Property taxes has been turned into the Virginia Department of Taxation for collection? The Debt Set-off Program matches any outstanding bills the taxpayer may have with any available refunds. To prevent any delay in receiving your state refund, please be sure your taxes are paid.



STRASBURG WELCOMES NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

During the January 3, 2022 Council Work Session, Ashleigh Kimmons was unanimously appointed by Town Council to fill the seat vacated by Paul Weaver. Mr. Kimmons is an office manager at Pre98 Antiques and a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College. Prior to his appointment to Council, Mr. Kimmons served on the town's Architectural Review Board. He will serve on Council until the November 8, 2022 General Election when a special election will be held to fill the remaining two years of Weaver's term. Citizens wishing to contact Council Member Kimmons may do so by emailing him at akimmons@strasburgva.com.

WELCOME Council Member Kimmons!

SNOW HAS BEEN FALLING!

Just a reminder that residents are required by Town ordinance to clear sidewalks after every snow event.

Snow or ice should be removed during the first six hours of daylight following the time when snow or ice ceases to fall or form. When residents fail to clear snow and ice, school children, elderly, handicapped, and other pedestrians,

are forced to walk on snow or ice-packed sidewalks, or in the street, which can lead to serious injury. Please pile snow in your own yard, and NOT in the street, where it will block the flow of storm water. By keeping gutters and/or ditches clear of snow, most ice problems can be avoided. To help the Town Crew as they are plowing streets, please park vehicles in driveways or off the street so the entire street can be plowed. Also, give a wave and a thank you to these people as they work hard to make our streets safe.



JOIN THE TOWN OF STRASBURG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM!

Applications are now available for a:

TOURISM & MARKETING SPECIALIST

PARKS & RECREATION ASSISTANT MANAGER

Visit www.StrasburgVA.com or email ohilton@strasburgva.com to:

Apply Today!



TRASH PICK-UP

If trash collection is delayed for holidays or weather, pick-up days will be moved forward one day. If the event happens on a Monday, the entire week is moved forward by one day; if the event happens on any other day, the days affected will only be the remaining days in the week.

- 1 day delay -- Monday trash on Tuesday; Tuesday trash on Wednesday; Thursday trash on Friday; Friday trash on Saturday.
- 1 day delay for Thursday and Friday ONLY -- Thursday trash on Friday; Friday trash on Saturday).

Please note that on delay weeks, the trash truck will be starting routes before the normal 6 a.m. timeframe. It is **highly** recommended that you put your trash out the night before your scheduled pick-up so that you do not miss the truck on regular weeks, but especially on holiday or inclement weather weeks. Town staff works hard to get information out to citizens as soon as Waste Management notifies us of any changes to the schedule. Please visit www.strasburgva.com and look for a banner on the home page or follow the Town of Strasburg on Facebook for notices.

On weeks when you might find you have extra trash due to visitors or cleaning, or if you just forgot it was your trash day, Shenandoah County offers Convenience Centers throughout the county. The closest one for Strasburg citizens to use is at 321 Powhatan Road, just outside the town limits. Recycling services are also offered at these centers. Convenience Center hours are:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat.: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

CLOSED THURSDAYS

TOWN AWARDED PAFR

The Department of Finance is pleased to present the Town of Strasburg's **FIRST EVER** Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. The PAFR summarizes the Town's financial activities from a more detailed report called the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The ACFR is an annual requirement and contains financial statements prepared in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as promulgated by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), has been audited as required by the Code of Virginia, and has received an unmodified (clean, unaltered) opinion by Robinson, Farmer & Cox Associates, an independent auditing firm.

You can view the PAFR document and GFOA award here:

- <https://www.strasburgva.com/finance/page/popular-annual-financial-report-pafr>

You can view the ACFR and Annual Audits here:

- <https://www.strasburgva.com/finance/page/annual-comprehensive-financial-report-acfr>

Other financial updates.....

Staff is currently working with Town Council on the FY2023 budget. During the month of March, a Finance and Personnel Committee Work Session will be held, followed by a Council Work Session in early April. Citizens are invited to attend work sessions or email questions or suggestions to: info@strasburgva.com

A public hearing on the proposed budget is planned for Monday, May 2, with a tentative adoption date of June 14, 2022.



MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

2022 STRASBURG PROGRAM SAMPLER

FREE!

February 12th at 2PM



Strasburg Explorers: Folk Art Valentines
 Participants will learn about fraktur, a form of decorative painting brought to the Shenandoah Valley by German settlers in the 1700 and 1800s, then experiment with watercolor techniques and create their own fraktur-inspired valentines to take home.

March 27th at 2PM



The Arts of Strasburg, Virginia
 Let's celebrate 250 years of ShenCo history with a look at the arts of Strasburg with MSV Curator of Collections Nick Powers. This presentation will survey some of the best examples of fine, decorative, and folk art, and material culture produced in the Strasburg area from the 1700s through the present day.

April 9th at 2PM



Photo Walk in Strasburg
 Visit Strasburg Square and the River Walk with a photographer's eye! Nature and wildlife photographer Sharon Fisher will lead participants on a walk focusing on tips and tricks for photographing in nature. Both cameras and phones are welcome!



SIGN UP TODAY!

These programs are made possible through the Town of Strasburg's Creative Communities Partnership Grant, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley Team.

Program Location: 216 E. King Street, Strasburg VA
visit@theMSV.org
www.themsv.org

Contact the MSV
540.662.1473

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 31 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	22 – Pub. Safety & Ord. Comm., 5:30 p.m. Plan. Comm., 7 p.m.
8 - Town Council, 7 p.m.	24 – ARB, 7 p.m.
11 – Cupid's Market, 5 – 8 p.m.	



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Strasburg Citizens,

Mental Health continues to be a topic of concern for many citizens as we deal with everyday stresses and a pandemic. I manage depression and anxiety in my own life, and have had close friends lose their lives to mental illness.

I say all of this to point out that **YOU ARE NOT ALONE**. More than ever, we need each other's support, respect, and understanding, and taking care of our mental health needs to be our **#1 priority**.

I have outlined a few mental health resources below that are available to all citizens. Please share these resources with your neighbors, friends, and family so that they also know that **THEY ARE NOT ALONE**.

Over the next few months, we will be providing opportunities and challenges that will improve additional aspects of our wellness; physical, social, occupational, financial, environmental, and spiritual. I invite you to join us in our first challenge by placing a "Rooted in Kindness" sign in your front yard. Details are on the back of this page.

We look forward to you joining us on the journey of improving all aspects of our health.

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- If you're feeling alone and struggling or are in crisis, please contact **The Crisis Text Line** by texting **TALK to 741741** or call **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** at **1-800-273-TALK**
- **Concern Hotline** is a volunteer-operated hotline providing crisis intervention, suicide prevention and information and referral services, to anyone in need, 24 hours a day, and 7 days a week. **(540) 459-4742**
- **Northwestern Community Services** offers an array of outpatient, case management, day support, residential and emergency programs that are designed to enhance the quality of life for both children and adults affected by emotional/behavioral disorders, mental illness, substance use, and intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). Visit **nwcsb.com** or call **(540) 459-5180**
- **Valley Assistance Network (VAN)** is a comprehensive Resource & Referral system to help families move from Crisis to Stability. Through a coordinated network of services, we help people in crisis access information and resources to stabilize their situation and begin their journey to financial stability. They provide immediate crisis intervention services to help families navigate the complex social services system and move from crisis to stability. Learn more at **unitedwaynsv.org/van**
- **Winchester Community Mental Health Center** will be opening a location in Strasburg by March 2022. Their mission is to provide individuals and families of all ages, high-quality, individualized, compassionate mental health services. No referral necessary. They currently accept Medicare, most VA Medicaid, many Private Insurances, FAPT Funding, and Self-Pay. Call **540-535-1112 Ex. 144**
- **Youth Resource Alliance** links children, youth and family services. Visit **youthresourcealliance.org**.



ROOTED IN KINDNESS

Place words of light and inspiration in your front yard to spread kindness in Strasburg!



All participants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to the Strasburg Visitors Center gift shop.

Stop by Town Hall at 174 East King Street the Feb. 1 - 11 to pick up your free yard sign.

If you would like a sign delivered to your yard, email your address to mayor@strasburgva.com or call 540-247-7343.

Post a photo of your sign on social media to spread kindness virtually.
#strasburgkindness #NWRootedinKindness #strasburgva

VML 2022

If I Were Mayor

7TH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST

DEADLINE : MARCH 11, 2022

VIEW DETAILS AT [VML.ORG/EDUCATION/ESSAY-CONTEST](https://www.vml.org/education/essay-contest)

The Virginia Municipal League (VML) invites all eligible* Virginia 7th Graders to join its “If I were Mayor” essay contest.

Regional winners selected from around the state will each receive a **\$150 gift card and a plaque**. One statewide winner chosen from the regional winners will receive a **\$250 gift card and a plaque**. The runner-up from the region that receives the statewide award will become that region’s winner.

