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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.....

Paul Weaver attended his last Council meeting as a Councilor on December 20. Mr. Weaver resigned from Council effective December 31, 2021, as he and his wife will be moving out-of-state making him ineligible to serve on Council. Mayor

Boies and other Council Members, as well as Town Staff, wish him well and thank him for his 18 months of service to the Town. While on Council, Mr. Weaver chaired the Infrastructure Committee and served as the representative to the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission.

On January 3rd, Town Council plans to vote on who will be replacing Mr. Weaver on Council. Meetings are livestreamed, and the link to access the meeting is: https://www.strasburgva.com/bc/page/meetings

DO YOU KNOW? TAX TIDBIT

The Town of Strasburg participates in the Debt Set-off Program with the State of Virginia. If your account has a past due balance on December 31, 2021, you will be included in our file to the Department of Taxation in January 2022 for collections. Failure to pay your past due taxes may result in a delay in any Virginia state income tax refunds and additional collection fees.

LETTERS FROM SANTA

Letters, letters, and more letters. Lots of letters were sent to the North Pole for Santa to reply to; in fact, Santa replied to more than 200 children. Hopefully, there were many smiling faces when the children received their letters.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Christmas Tree Pick-up will be January 3rd through 11th, **2022**, 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.



JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3 – Council Work Session,	25 – Plan. Comm., 7 p.m.
7 p.m.	
11 - Town Council, 7 p.m.	27 – ARB, 7 p.m.

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

Winter driving can be hazardous and scary. Of course, it is best to stay off the roads until roads are cleared, but this is not always possible. OSHA reports the three P's for Safe Winter Driving are:

PREPARE for the trip; **PROTECT** yourself; and **PREVENT** crashes on the road.

Below are some safety tips provided by AAA, Cartalk, and OSHA:

- Clear your vehicle completely of snow and ice before every trip, no matter how short or long the trip.
- Maintain your car: check battery, windshield wipers, tire tread, antifreeze, and windshield washer solution.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, snow, ice, sand).
- It takes longer to stop in snow and ice. Increase your following distance. When driving in snow, do everything slowly --- accelerate slowly, brake slowly, and turn slowly.
- Watch for pedestrians walking in the road.
- Watch weather reports prior to traveling longdistances. If bad weather is in the forecast, delay traveling, if possible; if not, be sure to let others know your route, destination, and estimated time of arrival.
- If you become stalled, stay with your vehicle and don't overexert yourself trying to push or dig yourself out. Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top or a rolled up window to signal distress and make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow.
- BUCKLE UP AND USE CHILD SAFETY SEATS PROPERLY AT ALL TIMES. DISTANCE OF TRIP DOES NOT MATTER!!!



Prepare for bad weather by keeping the following in your vehicle at all times during winter months:

- Flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material, shovel, snow brush, ice scraper, and flares.
- Blankets and extra winter clothing, especially boots.
- Food, water, medication, and a fully charged cell phone.

2022 TRASH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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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)

EARLY PICK UP (POSSIBLY 5:30AM) 2 TRUCKS RUNNING THAT DAY ONLY