

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.

TAX TIDBIT

If you have an outstanding tax bill you will be receiving a "reminder" in the mail in the near future. The Town of Strasburg will begin adding DMV stops to past due accounts in September 2022. **PLEASE NOTE**, as in the past, no new DMV stops will be placed on accounts before September, but if your account has a prior year balance, a DMV stop may already be in place. There is an additional fee of \$45.00 to have the stop removed and you will be unable to renew your vehicle registration until the balance is paid in full.



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

NON-PROFIT HIGHLIGHT

LYDIA'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Lydia's Clothes Closet, located at 137 East King Street, is a non-profit thrift shop selling clean, gently used clothing and home goods for the entire family at low, affordable prices. Everything sold is donated to Lydia's by generous people of our community. All donations are sorted and inspected for condition and suitability. All clothes are washed on the premises and goods are also cleaned and sanitized. Profits go to Shenandoah County and Strasburg organizations that provide care, food, and shelter for those in need. Operations are handled entirely by volunteers working a three-hour shift per week. If you would like to join the Lydia team, drop by the shop during working hours for an application. Shifts are from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Monday, July 4th

Strasburg Town Park

6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Food, Activities for Children, Pony Rides

Live Music by Judy Chops

FIREWORKS – 9 P.M.

WELCOME TOWN OF STRASBURG'S NEW PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



On June 27th, Brian Otis joined the staff of the Town of Strasburg as the Planning and Zoning Administrator. Brian has 18 years of experience, working for Prince William County. Brian and his family live in Strasburg and he has been a member of the Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board, and the Board of Zoning Appeals --- all of which he will now be the staff representative for. Contact Brian with your planning and zoning questions or drop by and introduce yourself to him.

WE NEED YOU!

Would you like to serve your Town? The Strasburg Town Council is accepting applications for citizens to serve on Boards and Commissions. You must live within the town limits to serve. Please visit:

<https://www.strasburgva.com/.../application-appointment> for additional information. Applications are being accepted for current vacancies and for expiring terms in December.

TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Strasburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall (174 E. King Street) to receive public comment on a recommendation from the Planning Commission on an application to amend the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Section 3.10.2 A. MDR District Lot Development Standards Townhouses and Section 3.11.2 A. MFR Lot Development Standards Townhouses and Multi-Family to include a provision to allow a lesser rear yard setback if the lot line is interior to the development and to delete Section 6.6.5 D.5. related to rear yard setback in the Townhouse Standards. Additional information regarding this public hearing can be obtained at Town Hall, or by calling (540) 465-9197.

KIWANIS POOL PARTIES

Summer is in full swing at the Strasburg Pool and along with summer comes Kiwanis Club Swimming Parties.

When: Thursday, July 21st and Thursday, August 11th

Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.



FREE ADMISSION and
FREE Hot Dogs, Chips, and Popsicles

Come and Join the FUN!

TREX CHALLENGE

The Town of Strasburg is currently participating in the Community Program Plastic Film Recycling Challenge sponsored by the Trex Corporation. Employees are trying to collect 500 pounds or 40,500 plastic film and bags. If this goal is reached or exceeded, a Trex bench will be given to the Town. Items that can be recycled:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble Wrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Ice bags
- Plastic shipping envelopes
- Reclosable food storage bags (empty)
- Cereal bags
- Case overwrap
- Salt bags
- Pallet wraps and stretch film
- Wood pellet bags
- Produce bags

Recycling bins have been provided to the town and are located at Town Hall (174 East King Street), the Visitors Center (33229 Old Valley Pike) or the Town Pool. All bags or material must be empty and as clean as possible. For more information, call the Town Office at 540-465-9197.

DMV CONNECT

Strasburg Town Hall

Wednesday, July 13th

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

www.DMVnow.com

DMV Connect offers most of the services available at a DMV office.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 -- 4 th of July Celebration Town Park Fireworks - 9 p.m. Town Hall CLOSED!	26 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m. (tentative)
5 – Council Work Session , 7 p.m.	28 – ARB (tentative)
12 - Town Council, 7p.m.	August 6 – Council Retreat, time and place to be determined.
13 – DMVConnect, Town Hall, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.	

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ADOPTED FY2022-23 BUDGET
(Changes from FY2021-22 Budget to FY2022-23 Budget)

Tax Rates/Fees:

- **Real Estate Taxes: \$0.145 per \$100 assessed value (based on 100% assessment)**
- **Business License Categories as described below:**

LICENSE CATEGORY	Tax Rate per \$100 of Gross Receipts	Minimum License Fee or Flat Fee
Contractor	\$0.13	\$20.00
Retailer	\$0.15	\$20.00
Repair/Personal/Bus. Services	\$0.18	\$20.00
Financial/Real Estate/Prof. Services	\$0.24	\$20.00
Photographer	N/A	\$20.00
Itinerant Merchants	N/A	\$75.00
Wholesale	\$0.05	\$20.00
Direct Sellers	\$0.20	\$20.00

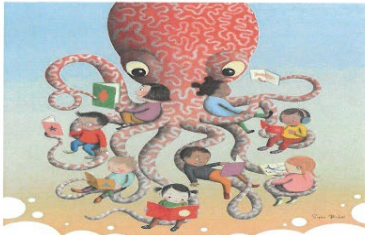
- **Trash and Recycling Collection Fees:** **\$13.38** per month (increase of \$1.25); **\$1.05** for additional carts (increase of \$0.03).

- **Water Rates (no changes except for Availability Fee Increase)**

	2022-23 Rates
Minimum -res. In town	\$25.57
Minimum – comm. In town	\$27.34
Min. – res. out of town	\$35.80
Min. – comm. out of town	\$38.27
Over Min. – Res. in town	\$12.79
Over Min. – Comm. in town	\$18.06
Over Min. – Res. out of town	\$17.91
Over Min.-Comm. out of town	\$25.29
Water Availability Fee - \$2,500 increase	\$9,000

- **Sewer Rates (4% increase for in town and 6% increase for out of town; Availability Fee increase)**

	2022-23 Rates
Minimum -res. In town	\$26.02
Minimum – comm. In town	\$30.24
Min. – res. out of town	\$37.13
Min. – comm. out of town	\$43.15
Over Min. – Res. in town	\$13.68
Over Min. – Comm. in town	\$17.05
Over Min. – Res. out of town	\$20.30
Over Min.-Comm. out of town	\$24.33
Sewer Availability Fee - \$2,500 increase	\$9,000



JULY 2022 STRASBURG COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Kids and Teens - 6 to 17! The Summer Reading Program is still open. Join and read for fun and prizes. Prize drawings are Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. except for 7/2. Special thanks to program sponsors including Massanutten Eagles for teen gift cards, Volunteers of the Library for prize baskets, Town of Strasburg, Strasburg Museum, Hupps Hill Museum, Strasburg Pool, Sugar Creek Ice Cream and Chick-Fil-A.

Kids 5 and under with parent or guardian! Meet Susan Tusing from the Shenandoah County chapter of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library on July 19 at 4:30 p.m. Each child receives a gift of a free book. Register your child to receive a free age-appropriate book by mail each month from the Imagination Library to read together.

Adults! \$1 for Danielle Steele and James Patterson novels in the Book Sales Room. Great beach or pool reads - keep one eye on the kids while enjoying a thriller. Visit the Book Sales Room early for the best selection.

195 W. King St. 540-465-8464 stlib@shentel.net

Free Events

Baby Rhyme Time

Wednesdays 10 a.m.

Pre-School Story Time

(new time)

Thursdays 10 a.m.

Pirates: Lost at Sea

Talewise Theater
Town Square
July 8 1:30 p.m.

Krafty Kids

July 9 and 30, 10:30 a.m.

Meet Yin Leong

Author *The Geomancer's
Apprentice*
Young adult fantasy inspired
by Asian ghost stories
July 16 10 a.m.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library

July 19 4:30 p.m.

The Shenandoah River Becomes the Ocean

Dan Harmon, Seven Bends
Park, July 23 10:30 a.m.

\$1 Danielle Steele & James Patterson Novels

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National Parks & Recreation Month!

JULY 5
3-5PM

Storytelling ♡

Facepainting ♡

Refreshments ♡

Discovery! ♡



BEE HIVE
Reveal



STRASBURG VISITOR CENTER AKA
33229 OLD VALLEY PIKE - 540.465.5884

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES



FREE!

540.465.8464

SCIENCE & STORIES

Ahoy there, matey! Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island.

Throughout the story, volunteers from the audience will help us conduct several hands-on science experiments that 'ARRR' sure to amaze you! Explore the incredible science behind clouds, physical and chemical changes, air pressure, and more!



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Friday, July 8th @ 1:30PM
Strasburg Square

Sponsored by the Strasburg Community Library
Summer Reading Program & the Town of Strasburg!



TUESDAY
AUGUST 2, 2022
NATIONAL
NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live.

Together, we are making that happen. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Special thanks to:



Live Entertainment
by
CZ3

Children's Activities

Bike Rodeo
Bounce Houses

Water Slide
Facepainting
Cake Walk

Baseball Pitch
Pool Party: 6-9 PM

Food Trucks
& Sugar Creek Ice
Cream

Community Resource
Vendors

STRASBURG
TOWN PARK
6:00-9:00 PM
(Pet Free Event)
Bring swim suit, a chair
& enjoy!



JULY 2022



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>Please visit @DiscoverStrasburg or strasburgva.com for additional information</p>						
4 Fourth of July Celebration @Town Park 6:30-10 pm	5 Bee Hive Reveal & Story Time @Visitor Center 3-5 pm	6 Soccer Pickup Game @Town Park 7:30 pm	7 Pavilion Scavenger Hunt @Town Park	8 Senior Swim @Town Pool 9-10 am & stay the day	9 Splash Dash 5K @Town pool 8 am Day of Play @Town Park 9-11 am	10 Bike Safety & Mini Ride @Town Park 2 pm
11 Lawn Games @Strasburg Square 7-9 pm	12 Shenandoah River share a photo @DiscoverStrasburg	13 "SuperMoon" River Walk @Town Park 9 pm	14 Community Kickball Game @Tee-ball Field 7 pm	15 Lap Swim @Town Pool 10-11 am & stay the day	16 Movie Night @Strasburg Square 8:30 pm	17 Discover Trails @Visitor Center 20% off Gift Shop
18 Community Bike Ride @Town Park 4 pm	19 Pickleball @Town Park 5-7 pm	20 3v3 Basketball Game @Town Park 7 pm	21 Kiwanis Pool Party @Town Pool 7-9 pm	22 Support the skate Park @Strasburg Square Front Porch Friday 7-9 pm	23 Teen Pool Party @Town Pool 7-9 pm	24 Junior Naturalist @Visitor Center
25 Tennis Workshop @Town Park 9 am	26 Live Music @Town Park Boat Landing 6-8 pm	27 Guided Hike @Elizabeth Furnace 9 am	28 Bike Rodeo @Town Park 6 pm	29 Town Run share a photo @DiscoverStrasburg	30 Insect Safari @Community Garden 10-11 am	31 Field Day @Town Park 3 pm