

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 Code requires that all residential and commercial water meters be easily accessible for maintenance purposes. Please do not landscape over meter lids or cover lids with soil, sod, gravel, concrete, or pavement. This makes maintenance more difficult and could affect proper meter operation.

Also, Shenandoah County Fire Code prohibits landscaping near fire hydrants. Mulching around the fire hydrant is acceptable but keep plants and shrubs a minimum of five feet from the hydrant. Increase distance to ten feet for tree installation.

If you need assistance locating your water meter, please contact Jay McKinley at 540-465-9197.

TAX TIDBIT

If you change your address during the tax year, you need to contact the Shenandoah County Commissioner of Revenue's office at 540-459-6170 and the Strasburg Town Office at 540-465-9197. Doing this will ensure you receive your tax bill in a timely manner.



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

A FEW REMINDERS

Comcast continues to do work in Strasburg which will result in the construction and operation of a cable system. All work is being confined to the right-of-ways and easements as much as possible. **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.**



Also, the Fort Hill Water Tank should be painted very soon. Because the old paint has lead, the tank will be completely enclosed, and an air filtration system will be used to safeguard area residents. Please, watch the Town's website

www.strasburgva.com) and social media for updates on when the work will begin.

DROUGHT WATCH

The Drought Watch has been lifted. However, please remember it is always a good idea to try to conserve water.

NON-PROFIT HIGHLIGHT

STRASBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Did you know that nationwide, 70% of firefighters in the U.S. are volunteers? Because we are a volunteer organization, Strasburg Fire Department members save the Strasburg community thousands of tax dollars each year. However, oftentimes there is public perception that because we are a volunteer department, we are not trained as well as career personnel.

WE ARE PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEERS!

The truth of the matter is that we sit in the same classrooms, train on the same grounds, and operate the same equipment, right alongside paid fire/rescue providers. We are all part of the Shenandoah County Fire/Rescue system, and our members' certifications come through the Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP). We, as volunteers, choose to serve our community on our own time, rather than as a career. As a matter of fact, several of our members are career fire/rescue personnel, both here and elsewhere. They choose to serve their community as volunteers when they are not working.

We also have administrative volunteers who conduct our company business. These members come from different backgrounds and work in a variety of professional fields, helping with fundraising, premises maintenance, special events, and other tasks to keep things running smoothly. Interested in volunteering? If you want to become a firefighter, all training is provided at no cost to you. If helping around the station with fundraising, marketing, or business operations is more your speed, we have a place for you, too.

Go to <https://shenandoahcountyva.us/fire-rescue/forms/online-volunteer-application/> and apply today! We look forward to meeting you!

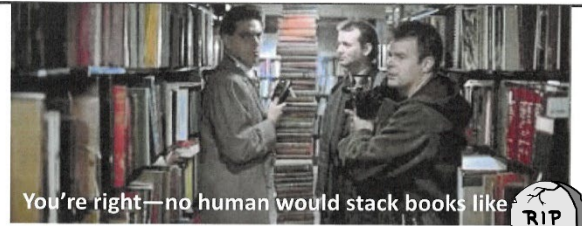
Strasburg Ghost Walking Tour



Strasburg Heritage Association will be offering Ghost Tours on-demand by downloading the **izi.TRAVEL app** on your cell phone. You can walk the tour or view it from your phone. Search the app for "Strasburg VA Heritage Association Ghost Tour #1".

Hear about tales of objects being moved without explanation, sightings of apparitions, and learn about the history and beautiful architecture of our haunted homes! Enjoy walking through Strasburg's Historic District and viewing our beautiful community. PLEASE do not enter homes.

For Additional Information scan the QR code that will take you to the tour, visit www.strasburgvaheritage.org.



You're right—no human would stack books like RIP

Where does this quote come from? Who said it and where? your 3 answers at the Library circulation desk - enter to win a \$25 gift certificate.

Strasburg Community Library

Free Events October 2022

- eBooks Anytime** Tues. 10/11, 11 – 12 or by appt. How to access free digital books. Bring your eReader, tablet or smart phone
- Polish & Prose** Fri. 10/7, 1 – 2 p.m. New popup group – grab your nail polish and informally share what you've been reading
- Early Shenandoah County Art Exhibit** Fri. 10/21, 1 – 4 p.m. & Sat. 10/22, 9:30 - noon. Art from 1800 to 1925 from private collections
- Ghost Stories & Pizza for Teens** Thurs. 10/27, 7 – 8 p.m. Come tell your real ghost story with ghost story author Yin Leong
- Baby Rhyme Time** Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Pre-School Story Time** Thursdays, 10 a.m.

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PAWS IN THE PARK

SUN, OCT. 16TH 11-2PM

STRASBURG SQUARE

DOGS WELCOME + COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

10AM Strasburg Strut your Mutt guided walk beginning from Strasburg Square to Riverwalk and back. \$26 + 2.6 miles to support HSSC! Sign up today!

PUPPY COSTUME PARADE: 1PM
LIVE MUSIC BY THE JACK DUNLAP BAND
PUMPKIN PAINTING + PUPPY KISSING BOOTH!
PET-FRIENDLY VENDORS + FOOD FOR PURCHASE

FREE TO ATTEND! ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY



HALLOWEEN IN STRASBURG

Trick-or-Treating on Halloween is not a Town sponsored event, however, traditionally, children have gone Trick-or-Treating on October 31, regardless of what day the holiday falls on. This year Halloween is on a Monday. It is recommended to leave a porch light on, or sit at the end of your sidewalk, if you want to hand out candy. We hope all have a safe and fun time on Halloween. Watch social media outlets for other activities happening this Fall.



OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	25 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m. (tentative)
11 – Town Council, 7p.m.	27 – ARB (tentative)
31 – Trick-or-Treating in Strasburg, 5 – 8 p.m.	



Let us know how we can make our community a better place to live!



LARGE ITEM PICK-UP



PLEASE NOTE:

Large item pick-up is intended for items that cannot be collected by Waste Management during normal trash collection.
No cardboard or household trash will be collected.

SCHEDULE YOUR PICKUP BETWEEN OCTOBER 6TH AND OCTOBER 14TH!

***Items placed curbside WITHOUT SCHEDULING
will NOT be collected!**

To Schedule:



Call
540-465-3025
M - F, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Email
info@strasburgva.com



Requests must be placed between Oct. 6th and Oct. 14th.

You will receive a response from your voicemail or email to verify your request has been received.

If you do not receive a confirmation, you have NOT been placed on the schedule. When scheduling, an itemized list is required.

Pick-up Schedule

Monday, October 24	Wednesday, October 26	Thursday, October 27	Tuesday, November 1
Upholstered or wood furniture, large plastic items, mattresses	Electronics, computers (no monitors or laptops), VCR's, DVD Players, Vehicle & other rechargeable batteries, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers	Stoves, dishwashers, washers, dryers, water heaters, microwaves, bulk metal	Brush -- NOT bagged, Plywood, particle board, lumber

All items must be placed at curbside by 7 a.m. on day of collection.

Items that will NOT be collected:

Televisions, computer monitors, laptops, tires, cardboard, household trash, flammable and/or hazardous materials including oils, antifreeze, and paints.



*IF ITEMS ARE NOT PICKED UP ON SCHEDULED DAY, PLEASE LEAVE OUT.
PICK-UPS MAY BE DELAYED DUE TO HEAVY VOLUME OR INCLEMENT WEATHER.*

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Nov 5
11AM - 4PM

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