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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......UTILITY METER READING SYSTEM UPGRADES ARE COMING

In an effort to provide citizens with improved water service and greater reliability, the Town of Strasburg is upgrading our meter reading systems. As part of the process, all older water meters will need to be replaced.

Once completed, the new meter reading system will allow residential customers to log into an online customer portal. The customer portal will allow users to monitor water usage in real time, trouble shoot billing issues, and check billing history.

The installation will be done by our contractor, National Metering Services, Inc., a well-known company in the industry since 1995. Personnel from this company will be easily identifiable by their uniforms, photo ID badges, and company-marked vehicles.

Meter installation will begin this spring and be completed by late summer.

It is the Town's goal to continue to provide the best water quality and customer service experience to you. Thank you for your support and understanding in this process.

DID YOU KNOW TAX TIDBIT



Past due tax notices have been mailed. If you have an active Debt Set-off Claim with the Dept. of Taxation, your notice will not reflect this as we have not received any payments from the Dept. of Taxation for 2023 claims. If

you receive a notice and have any questions, please contact our office at 540-465-9197 or eritenour@strasburgva.com.

First half taxes will be due on June 5, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING on Proposed FY24Budget/Rates/CII



FY24Budget/Rates/CIP

Monday, May 1, 7 p.m. Strasburg Town Hall

REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS PLANNED?

With the weather warming up, the outdoor projects begin.

- Zoning Permits are required if you are building an addition, installing a fence, patio, deck, pool, or similar project.
- Maintenance and upgrades to structures within the historic district may require review from the Architectural Review Board.

As you plan for these projects, please contact the Planning and Zoning Administrator, Brian Otis, at 540-465-9197 or email, botis@strasburgva.com.

Additionally, these projects may require a building permit. Please, contact the Shenandoah County Building Department at 540-459-6185 if you have any questions about their processes and requirements.

UPCOMING WORK IN UTILITY EASEMENTS



TC Energy has contracted Apex Pipeline Services, Inc. to upgrade three major pipelines within the existing utility easement. This work is expected

to begin on April 3 and run until November 10, 2023. The locations of work include:

- North side of Bordon Mowery Drive
- Between I-81 and Cedar Spring Drive

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 Through the Cedar Spring Estate subdivision, between Spring Place and Cedar Spring Drive.

What to expect:

- Apex employees, vehicles, and equipment in these areas;
- Large trenches that may be up to eight feet deep in certain locations with security fencing.
- Planned street closures at the crossing on Spring Place and Cedar Spring Drive.

As the project progresses, the gas company will inform property owners of key dates of construction and when the work will be performed in their area.

The public should maintain a safe distance from any excavation as serious incidents can occur. Please, be aware of the location of children and pets while this work is in your area.









THE GUIDED WALK BEGINS AT THE STRASBURG MUSEUM! VOLUNTEERS WILL LEAD GROUPS (OR YOU CAN EXPLORE SOLO!)

Begin your journey outside the Strasburg Museum, step back in time as you explore Strasburg's Historic District, and imagine what may have been in 1761. Interpretive signage will guide you as you connect history and heart, as you pass by prominent downtown dwellings, Civil War markers, and hear stories of our founders.



APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3 - Council Work Session,	25 – Planning Commission,	
7 p.m.	7 p.m. (TBD)	
11 – Town Council, 7 p.m.	27 – ARB, 7 p.m. (TBD)	

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Untitled. Artist Laura Hepler on exhibit at the Strasburg Community Library now.

What's Happening at Your Strasburg Community Library?

Sat. Apr. 1	Vintage in the Valley Vintage Books on Sale on the Front
	Porch AND \$5 a bag popular Book Sale 9:30 a.m. —1 p.m.

Thurs. Apr. 6	1-2 p.m.	Knit & Knatter. Bring your needlework. All
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& 20	welcome! 1st floor parlor.

Sat. Apr. 15

Fri. Apr. 7	1—2 p.m. All Booked Up! Formerly known as Polish &	
	Prose. We are so busy talking about books, there's been no	
	time for nail polish. All wolcomed 1st floor parler	

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Cinco de Mayo Contest Posters Due at the Library. Ages
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8—11. Two bicycle prizes for winning posters that show the meaning of Cinco de Mayo.

Tues. Apr 18 6:30 p.m. Trivia Contest, Box Office Brewery. Library
Fundraiser. "Are You Smarter Than..?" Teams of 2-4. Prizes!

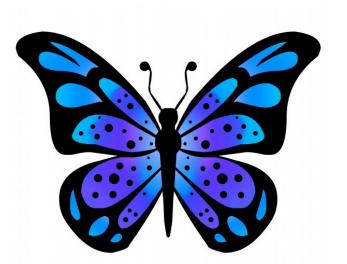
Fri. Apr 21 1 p.m. Seed Exchange & Talk with Kerry Higdon.

Sat. Apr 29 10:30—noon Reception, Laura Hepler, local artist.

Charcoal, watercolors & oil on display. 1st floor parlor.

Wednesdays 10 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time
Thursdays 10 a.m. Pre-School Story Time

Strasburg Community Library 195 W. King Street 540-465-8464 Follow us on Facebook







Opening for the Season on Friday, May 5th Museum will be OPEN Friday – Sunday throughout the season.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION DAYS

Sunday, May 7

(Historic Strasburg Walking Trail GRAND OPENING, 1 p.m. at the Museum)

Friday, May 12, Saturday, May 13, and Sunday, May 14 – MAYFEST

Mayfest Pots, number 1 and number 50, will be auctioned off on Saturday, May 13 at 11 a.m.

Other pots will be on sale following the auction.

The recently renovated

VIRGINIA CADDEN POTTERY ROOM

will be reopening this year.

FREE coloring books for children,





SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

ANNUAL PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

FREE to County Residents and Businesses

April 15, 2023 9:00A.M. – 1:00P.M.

Shenandoah County Government Center 600 North Main Street, Woodstock (540)984-8573

What material should I <u>not</u> bring for shredding:

- · Newspapers Phone Books
- · Magazines Books Trash
- · Any other public documents



Experts recommend you shred any confidential documents with:

- Account numbers (credit card statements, bank statements, canceled or unused checks, credit card receipts, utility bills, tax documents, etc.)
- Birth dates (school records, financial applications)
- Passwords and PINs (bank and credit card records)
- Signatures (including canceled checks)
- Social Security numbers (financial applications, tax documents, job applications)

Please REMOVE All Metal Clips, Binders, & Notebooks or Other Metals Before Bringing Your Materials.

Note: Any Metal Objects Will Be Removed by Employees to Prevent Damage to the Shredder

This event is brought to you by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Shenandoah County Solid Waste Management Department



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 MAY 1 - MAY 11, 2023

*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
Email is the PREFERRED WAY TO
SCHEDULE!

Requests must be placed between May 1 - May 11, 2023.

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 <u>NOT</u> been placed on the schedule. If you speak with an individual at Public Works, this serves as your confirmation; no return call will be made. When scheduling, an itemized list is required.

Pick-up Schedule

Monday, May 22 and Tuesday, May 23	Wednesday, May 24	Thursday, May 25	Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31
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.