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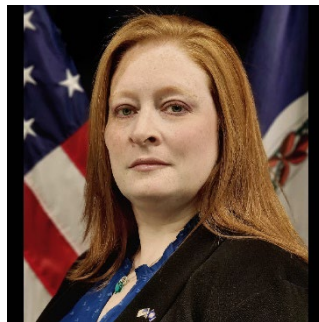
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DID YOU KNOW.....

THE TOWN OF STRASBURG HIRES NEW ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

The Town of Strasburg is pleased to announce that Ms. Mellanie Shipe has been selected to fill the position of Assistant Town Manager, effective August 28, 2023.



Ms. Shipe has more than 21 years of local government experience, the last four in a

leadership role as the Shenandoah County Emergency Communications Director. During her tenure with Shenandoah County, she worked on several projects, including the construction and relocation of the new 911 center, the upgraded public safety radio system, and the County's implementation of the Next Generation 911 platform. Shipe is a graduate of Strasburg High School, California Coast University (B.S. in Business Administration) and holds a Master of Public Administration from Liberty University. In addition, she has a Certificate of Leadership Development from Laurel Ridge Community College, as well as various other leadership, project management and emergency management certifications.

The role of Assistant Town Manager is an important role in that it provides a key leadership position to bring together the values and visions of the Town and the Town programs and initiatives throughout Departments. As the Assistant Town Manager, Ms. Shipe will partner with the Town Manager and other department directors to develop strategies that create change to better serve the residents, businesses, and visitors of the Town of Strasburg.

"Mellanie's experience, strong organizational skills and leadership will be a strong asset to the Town of

Strasburg," stated Town Manager Waverly Coggsdale. Ms. Shipe indicated "I am honored the Town of Strasburg and Mr. Coggsdale selected me to serve in this role. I am excited to contribute my knowledge, passion, and skills to such a committed, dynamic team. The chance to be part of this organization is humbling and a privilege. I look forward to serving the community members of Strasburg." Shipe currently resides in the Strasburg area with her husband, Jay, who is a local high school math teacher. They have several rescue animals and enjoy spending time in the community volunteering for various civic organizations.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICARD RESIGNS



Council Member Doreen Ricard attended her last Council meeting on July 31, 2023. She and her husband, Joey, have recently purchased a home in Hampshire County, West Virginia, which makes her ineligible to serve.

As a Councilor, Ms. Ricard served on the Public Safety & Ordinance Committee, the Recreation & Parks Committee, and was co-chair of the Outreach Committee. She was actively involved in the creation of the Veterans' Day Parade and a class of her students at Sherando High School wrote the "Resolution of Unity", adopted by Council on May 10, 2022. Mayor Boies and other Council Members, as well as Town Staff, wish her well and thank her for more than three years of service to the Town of Strasburg.

TOWN DECLARES DROUGHT WATCH CONDITION; ENCOURAGES VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

As reported last month, the Town of Strasburg has declared Drought Watch Conditions and encourages all

residents and businesses to begin voluntary water conservation measures. Please, see last month's edition of **The Strasburg Signal** for water conservation measures and watch the Town's website and Facebook page for information in case we enter into Drought Warning Conditions. Rain is needed; please conserve whenever possible.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ADOPTED FY2023-24 BUDGET
(Changes from FY2022-23 Budget to FY2023-24 Budget)

Tax Rates/Fees:

- **Real Estate Taxes: \$0.155** per \$100 assessed value (based on 100% assessment); effective January 1, 2024; (increase from \$0.145).

Trash Collection Fees:

- **\$16.60** per month (increase of \$3.22); **\$1.11** for additional carts (increase of \$0.08). **Rate increases are reflected in the August utility bill.**

DID YOU KNOW....AUGUST TAX TIDBIT

Just a reminder....if you have not paid your personal property taxes by August 31, 2023, a DMV stop will be added to your account beginning September 5, 2023. Please be aware, if your account has a prior year balance, a DMV stop may already be in place. There is an additional fee of \$45.00 and you will be unable to renew your vehicle registration until the balance is paid in full.



How Can I pay my bill???

At the Town Office, 174 East King Street, M-F 8 am-5 pm

24 hour drop box, located in the foyer of the Town Office.

By Mail, P.O. Box 351 Strasburg, VA 22657

By phone: 1-800-487-4567

Choose preferred language, listen to all choices and choose #4. You will speak with a live person. Our jurisdiction code is 9004.

Online at www.strasburgva.com

Choose Online Payments, at bottom of page, choose "Click here to pay your bill"; choose "Local payments"; the Town of Strasburg jurisdiction code is 9004.

At Payment Type: choose "Property Tax"; choose "Make Payment" and follow online instructions.

2023 Second half taxes will be due on Dec. 5.

SCHOOLS OPEN AUGUST 15TH

Yes, it is that time of year again! Shenandoah County Public Schools will open on **Tuesday, August 15th**. Drivers, please be on the lookout for children



and be aware that students will be making their way to school by bus, car, foot, bike, scooter, or skateboard. Motorists need to be extra vigilant watching for children darting out from between parked vehicles and playing in and around sidewalks and crosswalks. Drivers also need to be aware of laws governing the sharing of roads and school parking lots with buses.



With the start of school, the Strasburg Pool hours will change. Please, check the Town's website and social media for new hours.

FRONT PORCH FRIDAYS FOR AUGUST

7 – 9 P.M., Strasburg Square

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| August 4 | Ophie |
| August 11 | Jason & the Revenuers |
| August 18 | Kids Night |
| August 25 | Juliet Lloyd Trio |

ONGOING PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOWN:

- Utility easement work by TC Energy (work being done by Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.).
The locations of work include:
 - North side of Borden Mowery Drive
 - Between I-81 and Cedar Spring Drive
 - Through the Cedar Spring Estate subdivision, between Spring Place and Cedar Spring Drive.
- Utility meter reading upgrades – meters being installed by National Metering Services, Inc.
- Comcast underground and overhead line installation.

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31 - Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	22 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Aug. 1 – National Night Out 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	24 – ARB, 7 p.m. (TBD)
8 – Town Council, 7 p.m.	September 4 – Labor Day, Town Office Closed!
14 - Council Work Session, 7 p.m. (TBD)	

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THE TOWN OF STRASBURG'S

2023 ADULT KICKBALL FALL LEAGUE




SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AUGUST 13-OCTOBER 1 TOWN PARK

SIGN UP BY AUGUST 10TH
PLAYERS: 8(MIN)- 12(MAX)
\$50 PER TEAM
SOLO PLAYERS WELCOME
AGES 15+
2:1 M/F RATIO

REGISTER: MVARLEY@STRASBURGVA.COM

Strasburg Community Library
\$10 a Bag Book Sale



Closing for ADA Construction!
Monday, 8/14—
Thursday, 8/17
Reopening Friday,
8/18, 10 a.m.

Saturday, August 12
9:30 am-9:00 pm

August Special Event!

Strasburg Library Rte. 11 Yard Crawl Extravaganza!
Sat., August 12, 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

- Massive **\$10 Bag Book Sale**. Children & adult books. Includes adult books recently weeded from Library collection. Do your holiday shopping early!
- Bake Sale**. Keep up your strength—our volunteers bake tasty treats. Everyone smiles.
- 50-50 Raffle** Tickets on sale. Support the Library and dream big. You don't have to be present to win.

Library circulation and stacks will be closed Saturday, 8/12.

Regular Programs

Thurs., 8/3 and 8/24, 1—2 p.m. **Knit & Knatter**. 1st floor Quiet Room, all welcome, bring your project, supplies and questions.

Fri., 8/4, 1-2 p.m., **All Booked Up**. 1st floor Quiet Room, bring your best read to share with others. All welcome. You never know where the discussion will go.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. (except 8/16) **Baby Rhyme Time**
Thursdays, 10 a.m. (except 8/17) **Pre-School Story Time**

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THE STRASBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT IS

PROUDLY CELEBRATING
NNO 40 YEARS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

BIKE RODEO **VENDORS**

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO GATHER TOGETHER FOR AN EVENING OF

FOOD, MUSIC, AND FUN!

DJ **FOOD**

**AUGUST 1ST
6PM - 9PM
TOWN HALL/MARKET PAVILION
(174 E. KING STREET)**

BOUNCE HOUSE **PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP-OFF** **PET FREE EVENT**

