

# THE STRASBURG SIGNAL

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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](mailto:info@strasburgva.com).

## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

Town elections were held on November 9, 2022, with newly elected officials taking office on January 1, 2023. Congratulations to all those who won the election and thank you for your service to the Town of Strasburg.

**Alford D. Carter, IV (A.D.)** grew up in Manassas, Virginia. He joined the United States Navy in 1996, graduated from Strayer University in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in international business, and worked in the insurance restoration field for 15 years. In 2021, A.D. started a business in the Shenandoah Valley conducting 3D/360° Marketing and Mapping for local businesses. On occasion, you might find him in a classroom of a Shenandoah County Public School as a substitute teacher.

Council Member Carter is married to his beautiful wife, Kim, and has two handsome sons. His family keeps him centered as he and his family believe in serving the community that serves them daily.

While serving as a WestPac Sailor, A.D. resided in Japan for four years and learned to read, write, and speak the language of that country. He enjoys fishing, hiking, and metal detecting.

**Andrew Lowder** moved to Strasburg in 2003. Between 1989 and 2003, he lived in Michigan, Wisconsin, Alabama, and finally, Virginia. He has an M.A. in Ancient and Classical History, and degrees in history, special education, and human services. In the past, he has worked as a park ranger and as professor of history at Lord Fairfax Community College, among other jobs. He is now a reader/personal assistant, helping individuals who are blind or visually impaired to do their jobs in the federal government. Most of his work career has been in the field of disability services, both privately and in government positions.

Council Member Lowder is married to his wonderful wife, Rita, and they have four children, ranging in ages

from nine to 13. Most people know of his family as a result of the childrens' business, Tiny Treasures. They all enjoy participating in events around Strasburg, as well as the children playing baseball and softball.

**Brad Stover** is a lifelong resident of Strasburg. He is the sixth great-grandson of Peter Stover, the man credited with founding Strasburg. He attended Sandy Hook Elementary School, the old Strasburg Middle School, Signal Knob Middle School after it was built, and graduated from Strasburg High School. He earned an Associates degree in business from Lord Fairfax Community College and is currently a life and health insurance agent and shares an office in town with his mother.

Council Member Stover and his wonderful wife, Leslie, just celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She works for Prince William County as a Commercial Real Estate Assessments Supervisor. Their daughter, Madelynn, is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Signal Knob Middle School. Brad and Leslie share a love of history, the Civil War in particular.

Winning the Special Election for a 2-year term was Ashleigh Kimmons. Council Member Kimmons was appointed to Council in January 2022 to fill an unexpired term.

**Council Member Kimmons** was born in Atlanta, Georgia and grew up in the small town of Oxford, North Carolina, which is north of Raleigh. He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College with a BA in history and philosophy. For the past eight years, he has worked for a collectible and antique firearm shop as the office manager.

Mr. Kimmons' wonderful wife, Jessica, is a graduate of Strasburg High School. They met in college when she attended Longwood University. They are blessed to have two sons, Arden (11) and Edwin (9) who attend Signal Knob Middle and Sandy Hook Elementary Schools, respectively. They also have a mini Australian shepherd, Izzy.

While growing up in Atlanta and Oxford, Ashleigh's family would vacation in the Shenandoah Valley. Every year they would stay at the Hotel Strasburg or Wayside Inn. He always thought that when he grew up, he would like to live here, and he did just that!

**Emily Reynolds** was re-elected in the November election for a four-year term. Council Member Reynolds moved to Toms Brook from Falls Church in the late '80's. She graduated from Strasburg High School in 2004 and continued her education at William and Mary, receiving a Bachelor's degree. She is currently the Operations Manager for the International Rhino Foundation. Ms. Reynolds lived in Richmond before moving back to Strasburg in 2016 to be closer to family and because she missed the Valley. She now lives on East Queen Street with her fiancé, Brent. Council Member Reynolds worked for Cristina's Café for several years and baked desserts for the last three years the café was open. She made over 300 cheesecakes, her specialty, during her time at Cristina's.

**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, 2022, you will be included in our file to the Dept. of Taxation in January 2023 for collections. Failure to pay your past due taxes may result in a delay in any Virginia state income refunds and additional collection fees.



**2023 First half taxes will be due on June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP**

Christmas Tree Pick-up will be **January 3<sup>d</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, 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.



**LETTERS FROM SANTA**

Letters, letters, and more letters. More than 290 letters were sent to the North Pole for Santa to reply to. There were lots of smiling faces when the children received their letters.



**STAY INFORMED**

Would you like to know when meetings are being held and what will be discussed? Email [info@strasburgva.com](mailto:info@strasburgva.com) to have your name added to the list of businesses and citizens who receive agendas for upcoming meetings. Stay in the loop for what is being discussed in the Town of Strasburg!

**STRASBURG MILITARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM  
KING STREET VETERAN BANNER DISPLAY**

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ORDER YOUR BANNER AT THE AMERICAN  
LEGION POST 77 OR THE VISITOR CENTER!**

**DEADLINE: APRIL 1ST, 2023**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 77 (540.465.8167)  
STRASBURG VISITOR CENTER (540.465.5884)**

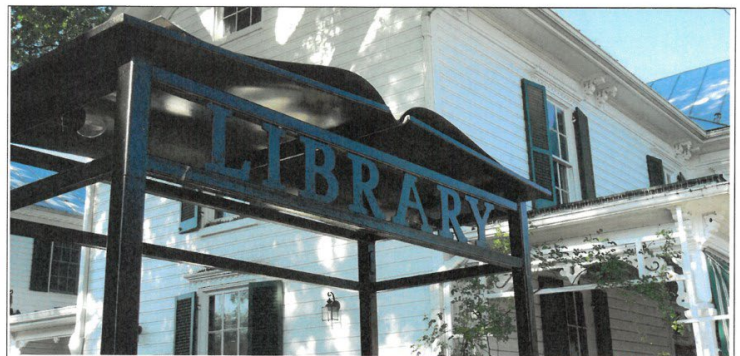


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**Free Events at Your Strasburg Community Library**

- Fri. 1/6 1-2 p.m. Polish & Prose.* 1st floor parlor. Drop in to and share your recent reads with a brief recap and your rating.
- Sat. 1/14 10:30 a.m. How Do Animals Survive in Winter?* Children's Nature Program with Seven Bends State Park, suggested for 6+.
- Tues. 1/17 11:00 a.m. Knit & Knatter.* Bring your needlework to the 1st floor parlor for a cozy visit with old and new friends .
- Sat. 1/28 10:30 a.m. What's in the River? How Run Off Affects Aquatic Life.* Children's Nature Program with Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River, suggested for 6+.
- Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time*
- Thursdays, 10 a.m. Pre-School Story Time*

Tech Services—The Library has a fax\*, printer\*, copier\* and scanner (bring a flash drive) for your use. (\*small fee)

Strasburg Community Library 195 W. King Street 540-465-8464 Follow us on Facebook.  
Check Facebook or Shenandoah County Library website for inclement weather closings

**JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2 – Town Office CLOSED	16 – MLK Day, Town Office OPEN
3 - Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	17 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.
10 – Town Council, 7 p.m.	24 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (tentative)
26 – ARB, 7 p.m. (tentative)	



# ARCADIA PUBLISHING

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## STRASBURG

**By: Kathy Kehoe and the Strasburg Museum**

### About the Book

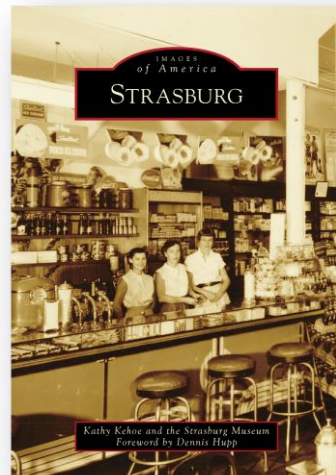
In 1761, when the Virginia General Assembly established the town of Strasburg, German-speaking people had already migrated from Pennsylvania to settle the Shenandoah Valley. Peter Stover chose a spot at the foot of Massanutten Mountain to lay out the streets for the new town. Since the Civil War, the peak of the mountain had been called Signal Knob and was the site of an aircraft beacon erected by the Federal Aviation Agency. The mountain lighthouse stood guard over the town every night, its revolving flash lulling people to sleep until the invention of modern radar. There is nothing in Strasburg that time has not touched, and there is nothing in Strasburg that time has forgotten. The site of the town's original railroad depot is now the Strasburg Museum. The Strasburg Textile Mill, once a 24-hour factory providing many jobs, is now an antiques mall.

### About the Author

Local historian Kathy Kehoe has been writing folk history for more than 40 years. A Strasburg Heritage Association board member and a retired case manager, she and her husband, fellow historian Mike, are the parents of two daughters, Bridget and Katy.

### About Arcadia Publishing

As the nation's leading publisher of books of local history and local interest, Arcadia's mission is to connect people with their past, with their communities and with one another. Arcadia is the home of unique hyper-local histories of countless hometowns across all fifty states, as well as books on local food, beer and wine; and stories of famous hauntings, all one American city and town at a time. Arcadia has an extraordinary catalog of 17,000 local titles and publishes 500 new books each year. Arcadia counts among its imprints Pelican Publishing, a 100-year old independent press based in New Orleans, and the critically acclaimed Wildsam Publishing, publisher of highly curated travel literature and guides. Using its proprietary *Store Match* system, Arcadia can create a highly customized hyper-local book assortment for any storefront in the nation.



**TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL**

**By: Kathy Kehoe and the Strasburg Museum**

- On sale: 1/16/2023
- Price: \$23.99
- Pages: 128
- ISBN: 9781467108850

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# 2023

## 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