

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 – THE TOWN OF STRASBURG HAS A NOISE ORDINANCE

Please, be respectful of your neighbors and other citizens in town by refraining from playing loud music, revving vehicle engines, allowing animals to make “objectionable” noise that disturbs the public peace and rest, or making any other type of loud disturbance. Quiet hours for the Town of Strasburg are from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. (light construction noise from building is exempt) but following noise disturbance guidelines anytime will be appreciated by our townspeople.

THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE IS GOING THROUGH A REWRITE!

Planning & Zoning Administrator Otis is currently in the process of rewriting the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and making it more user friendly. The Town has contracted with the Berkley Group to facilitate workshops which will be open to the public, where interested parties can address any concerns related to the existing zoning ordinance and say what they would like to see moving forward.

A meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 13**. This meeting will be focused on the Industrial zoning and uses within town. **The meeting will be held at the Strasburg High School Cafeteria, from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Please, visit the homepage of the Town’s website for a link to more information (www.strasburgva.com).

DID YOU KNOW....JULY TAX TIDBIT

If you have an outstanding tax bill, you will be receiving a “reminder” in the mail soon. Town Staff will begin adding DMV stops to accounts in September 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 to have the stop removed and you will be unable to renew your vehicle registration until the balance is paid in full.



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).

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

The Town of Strasburg is partnering with the Strasburg Express to bring members of the community a FREE night of baseball! Please join your Town on Wednesday, July 12 at 7 p.m. as the Strasburg Express battle the Front Royal Cardinals in an exciting night of Valley League Baseball. Free tickets will be provided at the gate. Come on out to the ballgame for a fun night of free entertainment!



TOWN DECLARES DROUGHT WATCH CONDITION; **ENCOURAGES VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

As a result of low river flow levels, the Town of Strasburg hereby declares a Drought Watch Condition and encourages all residents and businesses to begin voluntary water conservation measures.

In accordance with the Virginia Water Protection withdrawal permit issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the provisions set forth by the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Water Supply Plan, the Town of Strasburg is required to follow a drought response plan. Should river flow levels fall

below a seven-day moving average of 175 cubic feet/second (cfs), the Town of Strasburg will declare a Drought Watch Condition. As of June 9, 2022, the seven-day average flow had dropped to 136 cfs. All citizens, including private well users, are encouraged to begin voluntary water conservation actions.

All water users are encouraged to:

• **Reduce or eliminate outside watering and take other steps to reduce outside water consumption, such as:**

- o Mow lawns to 2 inches or more and leave clippings (higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper to hold soil moisture better than closely clipped lawn).
- o Use mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.
- o Aerate lawn to reduce evaporation.
- o Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. Fertilizer applications increase the need for water. Apply fertilizers that contain slow-release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.
- o Place rain barrels under gutter downspouts to collect water for plants, car washing, or general cleaning projects.
- o Plant native or dry-loving (xeric) plants in landscaping.
- o Avoid washing cars and other vehicles.

• **Reduce inside water usage by:**

- o Use automatic dishwasher only when load is full.
- o Install faucet aerators, low-flow shower heads, and water efficient toilets.
- o Avoid running water to get cold temperature; keep a pitcher of cold water in fridge.
- o Minimize use of garbage disposals.
- o Limit showers to 5 to 10 minutes / day / person.
- o Wrap hot water heater and pipes with insulating material.

It should be noted that these are voluntary water conservation measures. Should additional, mandatory measures be required, citizens will be notified. Please contact the Town Office with any questions and monitor the Town's website and social media outlets for additional information.

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.

MAYFEST 2023 COMMEMORATIVE POT

The Strasburg Museum sold out of Mayfest 2023 commemorative pots during the Mayfest celebration but



more have been ordered. The pots are expected to be delivered in July. Please, call the museum on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays to order in advance (540-465-3175).

Museum volunteers extend their THANKS for the overwhelming support of the museum with the sale of these pots and apologize for the limited supply in May.

[SAVE THE DATE AND WATCH SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE INFORMATION!](#)

Save the date: 8/1/2023, 6PM-9PM
Location: Market Pavilion and Town Hall
FOOD, MUSIC, AND FUN!




POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 – July 4th Celebration , Town Park, 6:30 – 10 p.m. Fireworks at 9 p.m.	13 – Public Meeting on UDO, Strasburg High School, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
5 - Council Work Session, 7 p.m. (Note change of date)	25 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
11 – Town Council, 7 p.m.	27 – ARB, 7 p.m. (TBD)

The Town of Strasburg does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from public assistance programs, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program of activity funded by USDA Rural Development.



**JULY
3
8:30 PM**

Supermoon River Walk

Meet us at the park entrance to the
River Walk at 8:30 PM.

THE TOWN OF STRASBURG PRESENTS

4th of JULY

★ CELEBRATION ★

**Tues, 4 July 2023
6:30-10PM**

FIREWORKS @ 9:00

**STRASBURG TOWN PARK
295 PARK ROAD**

FOOD | DRINK | MUSIC

FREE TO ATTEND

www.strasburgva.com @DiscoverStrasburg



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER
JULY 12, 2023 5-7 PM
STRASBURG DOG PARK
BRING YOUR FURRY FRIENDS
TO ENJOY A DIP IN THE
POOL AND PUP CUP

NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH




July is National Parks and Rec Month!
Follow @DiscoverStrasburg on
Facebook to learn about all the
happenings in the park!

Free Event

Family Field Day

Tug-o-war.
Water games.
Races.
Hula Hoop contest
Inflatables. &
more...



Sunday, July 30, 3-5 pm
Strasburg Town Park

Cancellation due to weather will be announced on Facebook @DiscoverStrasburg

July 6th
6:30-8:30

TOWN OF STRASBURG PARKS AND REC

POOL Summer PARTY

TEENS ONLY
8TH-12TH GRADE
NO PARENTS

STRASBURG TOWN POOL
295 PARK ROAD STRASBURG, VA
STRASBURGVA.COM 540.485.8130

Updated on 06/07/23

May 26th
~~June 1st~~ 30th
July 20th *

SAVE THE DATES

Summer Fun!!!

2023 Summer Pool Parties hosted by Kiwanis Club of Strasburg
FREE entry and meal for school aged kids!
(under 12 needs chaperone)

HELD AT STRASBURG TOWN PARK/POOL

6:00 to 8:00



*Any announcements of weather cancellations will be made on our Facebook page

VOLUNTEER PLANTING DAY JULY 22

ROTARY SENSORY MUSIC GARDEN

#STRASBURG TOWN PARK

More Summer Activities for Your Enjoyment!

Strasburg 2023 Park & Pool Season!

Pool Operation Dates
May 27th through September 4th
Subject to Staff Availability

Pool Opening Hours
Mon thru Sat: 11:00AM-6:30PM
Sunday: 12:00-6:30PM
Mon-Fri: Senior & Lap Swim- 10-11AM
11 & Under Need Adult Supervision

Host a Pool Party!
7:00-9:00PM = \$150.00
Contact townpool@strasburgva.com

Swimming Lessons
Levels 1&2
Classes in June & July
Cost: \$40 Town resident
Cost: \$50 Non-resident
Register with the ShenCo Parks & Rec Department!

Season Activities!
Kiwanis FREE pool parties: May 26th + June 30th + July 20th 6:00-8:00PM!
Teen Nights (13-18)! June 1st + July 6th + Aug. 3rd 6:30-8:30PM!
End-of-Season Doggie Dip from 2-4PM on Sept. 10th!

Daily Admissions

2 & Under	FREE
Preschool (3-5)	\$2
Student	\$3
Senior (55+)	\$3
Adult	\$4
Lap Swim	\$1
Senior Swim	FREE

Punch Passes

Preschool (3-5)	\$20
Student	\$30
Senior	\$30
Adult	\$40
Family	\$175
All Passes = 10 Entries	

Reserve A Park Pavilion
Visit the Town Office to secure your booking!

SUMMER READING 2023

Prizes . Reading Challenges . Free Family Events

July Library News

Flash!
Summer Reading is in full swing—it's not too late to join.

Thurs. 7/6 and 7/20, 1—2 p.m. Knit & Knatter. 1st floor quiet room, all welcome, bring your project, supplies and questions. Come for the delightful company.

Fri. 7/7, 1-2 p.m. All Booked Up. 1st floor quiet room, bring your best read to share with others. All welcome for good book talk.

Summer Reading Activities at 1 p.m.

- Fri. 7/7 Charlie's Pack and Crafts Part 2
- Wed. 7/11 Bowman's Puppeteer Show
- Fri. 7/14 Take a Hike with Town of Strasburg
- Fri. 7/21 Movie Matinee *What Happened to All of the Trees?*
- Fri. 7/28 Historic Parks with Strasburg Visitor Center followed by **Summer Reading Prize Party**

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

Coming Soon! End of Summer Book Sale!

Strasburg Community Library 195 W King St. 540-465-8464
email strasburg@countylib.org Follow us on Facebook

Front Porch Fridays

Strasburg Square
July 14 - August 25

Visit www.strasburgva.com for additional information.