

THE STRASBURG SIGNAL

Discover the Different Sides of Strasburg



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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 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, 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.

Meetings will be held on **Monday, June 12, and Thursday, July 13**. Both meetings will be held at Strasburg High School Cafeteria and will be from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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

JUST A REMINDER!!

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

Ways to pay:



- ❖ In person: 174 E. King Street, Strasburg, VA
- ❖ By mail: PO Box 351, Strasburg, VA 22657
- ❖ Online: www.strasburgva.com
- ❖ By phone: 1-800-487-4567 (jurisdiction code: 9004); choose option 4.

Failure to pay by the due date will result in a 10% penalty on the tax and a flat \$10.00 penalty on the license fee. If you have questions, please call the Town Office at 540-465-9197.

LOVE SIGN

With over 300 installations, the LOVEworks program is a state-wide initiative designed to promote travel and tourism in Virginia and strengthen awareness of the

"Virginia is for Lovers" brand messaging. Strasburg's new LOVEworks design consists of four 3' x 4' pieces of painted sheet metal, cut by Dennis Johnson, mounted to the industrial pedestrian bridge on the southeast corner along the Town Run in Strasburg Square. These letters combine our Germanic roots and vibrant character with the use of Fraktur designs, painted by local artist Barbara Plitt. Barbara, who designed the installation, "sought to bring together a nod to the Town's German heritage and her love of color, which brings joy to so many." Fraktur designs often represent the rural surroundings and beliefs of the Pennsylvania Germans who made them. Lively drawings and intricate lettering are basic features of most Fraktur with popular images including birds, hearts, and flowers. Come Discover the Different Sides of Strasburg.



Photo compliments of Michael Terndrup



**Adoption of the Proposed
FY2024 Town of Strasburg Budget
June 13, 2023, 7 P.M.
Council Chambers, Town Hall
174 E. King Street, Strasburg**

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS AND CONTRACTOR SCAMS – BEWARE!

Please be aware, if you hire a contractor to perform work on your property, as the property owner, you are ultimately responsible for ensuring all permits are obtained.

Citizens have had contractors perform work that is noncompliant, and the contractor does not obtain permits. Per the Code of Virginia, any zoning violations are to be issued to and are the responsibility of the property owner. This leaves the property owner responsible for the removal of any noncompliant construction.

Please, keep in mind, any issues between the property owner and contractor are civil matters and should be addressed in the courts and not through the Town’s zoning office.

To protect yourself from these contractor scams, we recommend that prior to beginning improvements, you identify if a permit is required. If one is required, be sure one is obtained. If you have questions on if a permit is required or has been issued, please contact the Planning and Zoning Administrator, Brian Otis, at 540-465-9197 or botis@strasburgva.com.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR 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
- Through the Cedar Spring Estate subdivision, between Spring Place and Cedar Spring Drive.

For additional information, please see the April edition of *The Strasburg Signal*.

UTILITY METER READING UPGRADES COMING

As reported last month in *The Strasburg Signal*, the Town of Strasburg is upgrading our utility meter reading system. The new meter reading system will allow residential customers to log into an online customer portal and monitor water usage and trouble shoot billing issues. National Metering Services, Inc., will be installing the meters, and employees will be easily identifiable by uniforms, photo ID badges, and company trucks. Thank you for your support and understanding in this process. It is hoped the project will be completed by late summer.

The Strasburg Farmers Market *welcomes you*

MOTHERS DAY PICNIC & MARKET

May 6th 11-2PM

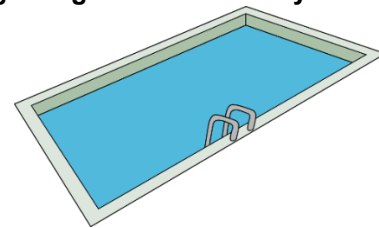
Strasburg Visitor Center
33229 Old Valley Pike

- * 20+ VENDORS
- * LIVE MUSIC BY JOE MARTIN
- * BYO-BLANKET
- * SWEETS & TREATS AVAILABLE!
- * MELTED DREAMS CAFE
- * 8+ ACRES OF PICNIC MEADOW!

Learn more by calling 540.465.5884 or by visiting www.strasburgva.com or @DiscoverStrasburg

STRASBURG TOWN POOL OPENS

The Strasburg Town Pool will be open for the season beginning on Memorial Day Weekend.



Please check the Town’s website for additional information, including hours of operation.

Interested in being an Aquatic and Recreation Guard? Contact Marisa Varley (mvarley@strasburgva.com) for additional information.

May 29-June 2

Strasburg Pizza Week

More info to come on @discoverstrasburg

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 - Council Work Session, (FY24 Budget Public Hearing), 7 p.m.	23 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (TBD)
9 – Town Council, 7 p.m.	25 – ARB, 7 p.m. (TBD)
12 & 13 - MAYFEST	

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MAYFEST 2023 COMMEMORATIVE POT



#1 and #50 will be auctioned off at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the Strasburg Museum.

- Following the auction, individual pots will be sold to the public (one per person for \$35 each). You may get back in line to purchase another pot, while supplies last.



Photos by Kimberly Needles



Heels, Hops & Bowties Luncheon
Parade | FREE KidsZone
Old Timers Baseball Game
Crafts & Food | Live Music

MAY 12-14, 2023

Hosted by the Strasburg Business Alliance

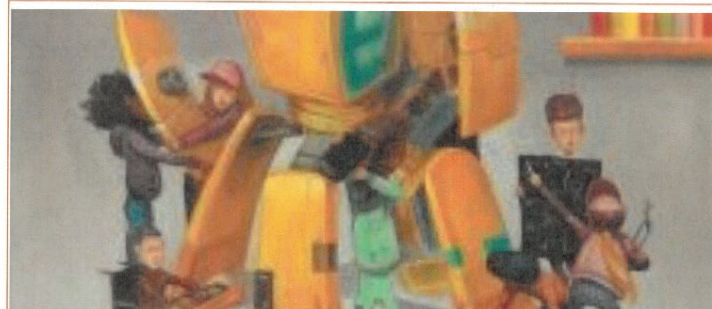
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All Together Now 2023 Virginia Summer Reading Program Theme

What's Happening at Your Strasburg Community Library?

- Tues. May 2** 4:30 p.m. **Harry Potter Trivia Contest.** 1st floor parlor. First prize—an official Slytherin robe and Snape's wand.
- Thurs. May 4 & 18** 1—2 p.m. **Knit & Knatter.** Bring your needlework. All welcome! 1st floor parlor.
- Fri. May 5** 1—2 p.m. **All Booked Up!** Informal book discussion—come with your latest good read. All welcome! 1st floor parlor.
- Tues. May 16** 6:30 p.m. **Trivia Contest, Box Office Brewery.** Fundraiser for Library. Topic—The Pursuit of Trivia. Teams of 2 to 4. Prizes!
- Fri. May 26 +** **Summer Reading Program Sign up Begins—All Together Now!** Two groups - ages 6-11 and 12-17. Read for fun and enter to win prizes. Sign up starting May 26.
- Sat. June 3** 10—11:30 a.m. **Summer Reading Program Kick Off** Join Strasburg's Fire, Rescue and Police in the parking lot. Prizes for 1st 50 participants.
- Wednesdays** 10 a.m. **Baby Rhyme Time**
- Thursdays** 10 a.m. **Pre-School Story Time**

Want a fun volunteer opportunity? Stop by the Library for an application!

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

HISTORIC STRASBURG WALKING TRAIL REFRESHED!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STRASBURG HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



OVERVIEW 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.

- 10 TRAIL STOPS
- 1.6 MILES
- 60-90 MINUTES

Scan the QR code for a more in-depth description of the Historic Walking Trail. Photos + Fun Facts are updated regularly!



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 *NOT* 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.***