

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: Your Child Can Receive a Letter from Santa!

The Town of Strasburg, working with Santa's elves, will once again be sending out letters from Santa. Santa's mailbox will be located in front of Town Hall. Your child may drop their letters off to Santa **BEFORE 8 a.m.**, on **TUESDAY, December 12th**. In response, they'll receive their very own personalized letter

back from Santa.

If you cannot come to the mailbox, email Amy Keller at akeller@strasburgva.com.

Parents (or grandparents) need to provide the following: child's name, mailing address, age, gender, and a phone number where you can be contacted in case of questions.

REMINDER: All letters, either dropped in the mailbox or emailed, must be received BEFORE 8 a.m. on TUESDAY, December 12th. There is a turn-around time in getting letters to the North Pole and then back again, so we don't want any disappointed children waiting for a letter from Santa. **The mailbox will be in place Monday, November 13th.**

Did You Know? Tax Tidbit

It is that time of year again! Tax bills for the second half taxes will be mailed soon. If you do not receive your bill(s) by November 15th, please call the Town Office (540-465-9197)

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

The Town of Strasburg offers several payment options for your convenience:

- In person at the Town Office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Drop slot (night deposit box) located in our vestibule on the right-side wall, open 24 hours
- By mail at PO Box 351, Strasburg, VA 22657
- Visit www.officialpayments.com or call 1-800-487-4567 for online payments or payments by phone. **Our jurisdiction code is 9004.**

Please note that a nominal convenience fee applies.



THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 77 AND
THE TOWN OF STRASBURG

VETERANS ★ DAY ★ PARADE

Saturday, November 11, 2023

All veterans welcome to meet at the American Legion Post 77 – 157 E Washington St at 12pm.

Parade begins at 1pm.

Immediately following will be a short program at Strasburg Square – 216 E King St. All community members are welcome to attend.

Parade route: American Legion → Holliday St → King St → Strasburg Square

Seeking Antique car owners, if you would like to escort a veteran for the parade, please contact: Mellanie Shipe – mshipe@strasburgva.com | 540.465.9197

LEAF PICK-UP

The Town of Strasburg Public Works Department will be collecting leaves from the curb. **LEAVES DO NOT NEED TO BE BAGGED!** Leaves will be collected starting November 6th, and collection will continue throughout the month (weather permitting). Crews will repeatedly canvas areas to remove leaves from the edge of streets. Please, **DO NOT** blow leaves into the center of the street. If you miss a pick-up, don't worry! Crews will be back for your leaves on the next pass through your area. Here



are a few tips to help make this clean-up safer and easier for all:



- DO NOT place trash, brush, garden trimmings, limbs, rocks, gravel, metal, or animal waste out for pick-up or mix with leaves. The program is designed for collection and recycling of leaves ONLY and other items cause major problems to the equipment, and it is a safety hazard to workers.
- Rake leaves approximately 18" out from gutters. If non-guttered, rake to the shoulder of the street, but not into the street.
- Do not park vehicles on piled leaves along the street as crews cannot reach them.
- Do not soak leaves with water as this causes them to become too heavy for both people and machines to handle.

Small Business Saturday – a Day to Celebrate and Support Small Businesses and All They Do for Our Community!



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IS NOV 25

COME BY, SAY HI AND LET'S SHOP SMALL, TOGETHER!

DROP BY ON THE BIG DAY TO SAY HELLO AND SHOP SMALL® WITH US – WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!

ONGOING PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOWN:

- Utility meter reading upgrades – meters being installed by National Metering Services, Inc.
- Comcast underground and overhead line installation.

Just Some FYIs.....

- Utility bills can be paid online or by phone without a service charge. Visit www.officialpayments.com or call 1-800-487-4567. **Our jurisdiction code is 9004.** (Please note, fees are charged when paying tax bills).
- Trash Collection Day Changes for November:
 - Friday, November 10, pick-up might be earlier than normal. Please, put trash out the night before.
 - Thurs., Nov. 23 & Fri., Nov. 24: One day delay (Thursday's trash will be picked up on Friday and Friday's trash will be picked up on Saturday).

November at the Library—Annual Fundraising Drive

Our volunteers help keep the Library open.

Your generosity helps keep the lights on.

The Library is way more than books, story time, community meetings and enrichment programs. Folks come to the Library to apply for a travel visa, print an Amazon return label, fax documents to municipal offices, and email medical records left behind in the rush to the hospital. Here at the library you get service with a smile and a little tech help when you need it.



Will you consider donating to help us close our operating gap this year? Despite generous annual support from the Town of Strasburg, our book sales and those pesky fines, we have an operating gap of 35% of our expenses (or about \$18K). No amount is too small or too big.

Your tax-deductible gift helps the Strasburg Community Library continue to be a well-run friendly, small-town library that encourages literacy, promotes lifelong learning and strengthens the community.



Stop by the Library on November 4th when you are out and about enjoying the Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup Festival!

We will be hosting Comcast in our Garden, who will have information on the Federal FCC Affordability Program. On the Front Porch we will have The Walking Mall Poet, a variety of cookbooks discounted to \$1.00 each and much more! Extended hours: 10 am– 2pm.

Ongoing Programs

Thursday 11/2 and 11/16, 1-2 p.m. Knit & Knatter:
All welcome! Bring your project, supplies and questions. 1st floor QUIET ROOM
Friday 11/3, 1-2 p.m. All Booked Up:
Bring your current read to share with others. All welcome.
You never know where the discussion will go. 1st floor QUIET ROOM
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. — Baby Rhyme Time
Thursdays at 10 a.m. — Pre-School Story Time

Strasburg Community Library 195 W King St. 540-465-8464 strasburginfo@countylib.org

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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS: CLOSED NOVEMBER 23, 24 & 25



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	14 – Town Council, 7 p.m.
10 - Town Office CLOSED - Veterans Day observed	23 & 24 – Town Office CLOSED Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 2 – Tis the Season Events	

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.

Important Pet Reminders



RUNNING AT LARGE

The Town of Strasburg requires all dogs not on their owner or handler's property to remain under their immediate control at all times. (Town 18-31)



LOST ANIMALS

If your pet is lost, contact Dispatch 540.459.6101 and the Animal Shelter 540.984.8955 to provide details and contact information. Check various social media sites.



PET REGISTRATION

Shenandoah County requires all dogs four months or older to be properly registered with the Treasurer's Office. (County 62-31)

Note: Proof of vaccination is required.



PET WASTE PICK-UP

The Town of Strasburg requires all owners and handlers to clean up their pets' waste when walking their pets on public property or private property other than their own. (Town 18-33)



ANIMAL WELFARE

The County of Shenandoah requires owners to provide all domestic animals sufficient and quality food and water, adequate exercise, adequate protection/ shelter from the weather, and veterinary care. (County 62-5)

Questions?
Contact Mellanie Shipe
mshipe@strasburgva.com

'Tis the Season

DECEMBER 2, 2023

STRASBURG SQUARE (216 E KING)

DISCOVER THE FESTIVE SIDE OF STRASBURG

MISTLETOE MARKET: 12-4 PM

In partnership with the Strasburg Farmers Market

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: 12-4:30

Visit local shops and enjoy special treats

PHOTOS WITH SANTA: 1-3 PM

Free photos for your kiddos and pups in the pavilion

HOT COCOA CONNECTIONS: 1-4 PM

Sample free cocoa and meet local orgs! Carolings a Santa visit!

PARADE ON KING: 4:30 PM

Hosted by Strasburg Business Alliance Questions: 540-459-9542

TREE LIGHTING TO FOLLOW

Enjoy a performance by our SHS & SKMS students

@DISCOVERSTRASBURG

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STRASBURG BUSINESS ALLIANCE PRESENTS

Christmas PARADE

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR



PARADE STARTS AT 4:30 P.M.

LINE-UP BEGINS AT 3:30 P.M.

SUBMIT ENTRY ON-LINE

ENTER LINE-UP AREA THROUGH ASH ST.

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Thanksgiving



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- HOLIDAY
- AUTUMN
- THANKFULNESS
- THANKSGIVING
- STUFFING
- THANKSGIVING
- CRANBERRIES
- NOVEMBER
- GRATITUDE
- PUMPKINS
- FAMILY
- TURKEY
- GRATEFULNESS
- FRIENDS
- HARVEST
- APPLE PIE