



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. Please fill out the comment section below and return to the Town Office at 174 East King Street, PO Box 351, Strasburg, VA 22657, or call (540) 465-9197, or email info@strasburgva.com.

HELP NEEDED!



The Town of Strasburg will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, July 17 at the Town Hall. Why do we want to do this? **To help save lives.** Nearly every two seconds someone needs blood and there probably isn't a citizen in town who hasn't known of someone who has been helped by a blood donation. Every donation of blood may help save up to three lives.

The town is now looking for people to pledge their interest in this drive. Signing the pledge sheet does not commit you to giving blood on the day of the drive as we know things come up and plans might change between now and July, but it does show the Red Cross that the Town of Strasburg is supportive of this event and that you plan to donate if at all possible. **Please, stop by the Town Hall and sign the pledge sheet or email info@strasburgva.com or call 465-9197 and have your name added to the list** Blood drives save lives and we want this to be a very successful drive. Thank you for your support.

STREET SWEEPING

As the weather warms up, the Town will begin to sweep the streets to remove the remnants of winter. To assist the Department of Public Works, we ask that you please move vehicles off the road to allow the street sweeper to pass.

Thank you for your assistance and please be patient as the Town workers make their way to your neighborhood.



SPRING CLEANING



Have you started your spring cleaning and wondering what to do with the large items you want to get rid of? The Town's refuse collection contract with ADS includes a provision for large item pick-up anytime, throughout the year. You will need to contact ADS at **703-368-0500** and schedule the pick-up. Personnel at ADS will also be able to tell you what is allowed to be placed out for this type of pick-up --- weight and size of items, what is considered hazardous, etc. This year round service takes the place of yearly large item pick-up.

HAVE YOU SOLD OR TRADED A VEHICLE RECENTLY? HAVE YOU MOVED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR?

If you have recently sold or traded a vehicle or if you have moved either out of or into the Town of Strasburg, please contact the Shenandoah County Commissioner of Revenue's office at **540-459-6170**. Notifying this office of any changes to vehicles you own will help ensure your personal property taxes are correct. Please be aware that you will be billed the entire year for any vehicle that is owned on January 1st of the tax year; the Town, as well as Shenandoah County, does not pro-rate taxes. The Town of Strasburg receives all tax information from Shenandoah County so town staff cannot change tax records without prior notice from the county. Even if you have changed your information with DMV, it is a good idea to notify the Commissioner's office.

FY2016 BUDGET PREPARATION

The Finance Department has been working on the FY2016 Budget. Citizens who would like to offer input on the budget are asked to attend the

Monday, April 20th Budget Work Session. This meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Public Hearing for the Budget will be held on Tuesday, May 12 with the planned adoption of the FY2016 Budget being at the Council meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m.

MAYFEST UPDATE

Mayfest will be held during the third weekend of May (May 15 – 17) and great fun is promised for all attending. The Annual Mayfest Pageant will be held on Sunday, April 26 at the Strasburg High School. For additional information, visit www.mayfeststrasburg.com.

GIFT IDEAS

Are you looking for a perfect gift to add to an Easter Basket?

Is a birthday coming up for your son or daughter or grandchild?

Why not buy a Punch Pass to the Strasburg Pool!

Punch Passes are on sale now at the Town Hall.

A person can visit the Town Pool 10 times with a Punch Pass and for every pass bought, **one** free day is given.

What a great gift to give someone!

Prices:

Pre-School	\$20
Student	\$30
Adult	\$40

MORE POOL INFORMATION

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner! Swimming lessons will once again be offered at the Town Pool. Stop by the Town Office (465-9197) to reserve your child's space in the program. Classes will be offered in both June and July and a Mommy/Daddy and Baby class will be held in August, if there is enough

interest. Reservations for pool parties are also being taken, as well as shelter rentals. Reserve early.



Do You Want to Be a LIFEGUARD?

The ARC r.12 Lifeguard Training Course will be offered at the Strasburg Town Pool in May or early June.

Total cost for the course is \$285 and participants must be 15 years of age by the final night of the class.

Registration Deadline: April 27

Contact the Town Office for additional information – 465-9197.

Please note: Completion of the course does not guarantee a position at the Strasburg Town Pool.

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL:

- Wednesday, April 1: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, April 8: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, April 15: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, April 22: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, April 29: **Trash Collection ONLY**

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6 - Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	23 – ARB, 7 p.m.
14 – Town Council, 7 p.m.	27 - Ordinance Comm. – 5:30 p.m. Finance & Personnel Committee - 7 p.m.
20 – Council Budget Work Session, 7 p.m.	28 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.