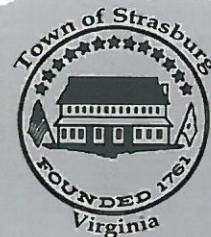




# The Strasburg Signal



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Official Newsletter of the Town of Strasburg, Virginia

December 2015

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](mailto:info@strasburgva.com)

## **FREE LETTER FROM SANTA**



Santa's mailbox is up and ready to receive those special letters to Santa. The mailbox is located in front of the Town Hall. Santa's

Elves will be sending out free letters from Santa to each child who sends a letter. Your child may drop their letters off to Santa by December 16<sup>th</sup> and, in response, they'll receive their very own personalized letter back from Santa.



If you cannot come to the mailbox, email Felicia Hart at [fhart@strasburgva.com](mailto:fhart@strasburgva.com) or visit the website: [freelettersfromSantaClaus.com](http://freelettersfromSantaClaus.com)

Parents (or grandparents) need to provide the following: child's name, mailing address, age, gender, and one of their accomplishments this year (good grades, learned a new skill, etc.).

## **DO YOU NEED A FREE HOUSE?**

Rockingham Coop recently had property rezoned to accommodate a wider entrance to the business they



will be opening soon (site of Strasburg Farm and Home). In order to construct this entrance, the house located at 479 East King Street will have to be removed. Rockingham

Coop has offered to give this house to anyone willing to pay for the moving of it to a different location. For REP, conditions and restrictions, contact:

Patterson Consulting, LLC  
540-433-3311

## **LEAF PICK-UP**

The absolute last day for leaves to be collected from the curb will be **Friday, December 4**. Following that date, equipment will need to be readied for snow removal.



How does Frosty the Snowman get around?

(See answer at the end of the newsletter).

## **LITTLE BOOK HOUSES**

Be on the lookout for two "Little Book Houses" which will be placed at Home Town Park and the Town Park within the next few days. Books will be placed in the houses and people can stop by and take a book. If you have books you would like to donate, please just leave in the house. It is hoped the houses will have books for all ages to enjoy. A special thank-you to Borden Lumber and Strasburg High School Agriculture classes for their donations of materials and the building of these book houses.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Kiwanis Club of Strasburg is actively seeking new members. Please, consider joining and helping us serve the children in our community. Your first year's dues will be waived! Meetings take place in the social hall of the Strasburg United Methodist Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m.

**Please Join Us!** For more information, call or text Harriet at 540-660-1354 or Andrea at 540-335-0178. The Strasburg Museum is always looking for docents. Now would be the perfect time to ready yourself for the spring season! Contact Museum President Gloria Stickley at 540-465-3728. This is also a great way to learn about local history.

Do you have a passion for reading and learning? The Strasburg Community Library might be the place for you to volunteer. Call 540-465-8464 for additional information.

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

Trash and recycling must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection days. If placed at the curb later than this, the town cannot guarantee collection of it. However, to keep our town clean, please do not put trash out earlier than noon of the day before collection. Also, be sure trash is placed in containers.

## **REMINDER:**

Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are due on December 7<sup>th</sup>.



## CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Christmas Tree Pick-up will be January 4<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 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.



## Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday

Did you miss these two special shopping days which were held on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>?

No worries --- our local merchants have many unique gift ideas and they are ready to help complete your holiday shopping.

## SHOP LOCAL FOR GREAT GIFTS AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Visit [strasburgvachamber.com](http://strasburgvachamber.com) for a complete listing of businesses taking part in the Business Open House on Dec. 5, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

What did the snowman put over his baby's crib?

(See answer at the end of the newsletter).






## TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER:

- Wednesday, Dec. 2: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, Dec. 9: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, Dec. 16: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, Dec. 23: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, Dec. 30: **Trash & Recycling Collection**

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## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	8 – Town Council, 7 p.m.
5 – Home for the Holidays Celebration – see attached schedule Parade at 4:30 p.m.	14 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.
7 – <b>HAPPY HANUKKAH</b> 	24 & 25 – Town Office Closed 
	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>
	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> 



*Wishing All a Wonderful  
And Safe Holiday Season and  
Best Wishes for a Happy New Year  
From the Mayor, Council, and Town Staff  
Town of Strasburg*

### Mayor

Tim Taylor

Robert Baker  
Seth Newman  
Scott Terndrup

John Hall  
Rich Orndorff

Don Le Vine  
Rick Redmon  
Jocelyn Vena

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Lisa Clark  
Ricky Crawford  
Bill Fish  
Adam Funkhouser  
Tom Gimple  
Spin Helsley  
Andrew Key  
Mike Lutman  
Lewis McDonald  
Cody Mead  
Dottie Mullins  
Seth Peacemaker  
Scott Putman  
Forrest Reynolds  
Chris Ritenour  
Jonathan Ritenour  
Wayne Sager  
Teresa Shillingburg  
Wes Taylor  
Coleman Whetzel

Mala Bansal  
Jeff Carter  
Bill Collins  
Wally Cross  
John Fontana  
Gene Gimple  
Felicia Hart  
Wayne Keister  
Stephanie Little  
John Magdinec  
Karen McGrath  
Debbie Miller  
Roscoe Norris  
Wyatt Pearson  
Travis Racey  
Dave Richman  
Emily Ritenour  
Tony Ryan  
Rob Scott  
Matt Spiker  
Scotty Thompson  
Betty White  
Linda Wooten

Paul Bernd  
Mike Chimento  
Lonnie Conner  
Emma Fazzini  
Jason Ford  
Philip Gimple  
Ray Heishman  
Amy Keller  
Tyler Lloyd  
Steve Mansfield  
Jason McKelvey  
Chuck Mohr  
Dennis Palmer  
Pat Pingley  
Eric Ramey  
Dexter Richman  
Gabe Ritenour  
Joey Ryman  
Dee Sherman  
Tim Sutherly  
Matt Troxell  
Christina Whorton

## STRASBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST



Pancakes served with  
Sausage and Sausage  
Gravy  
Choice of Milk, Coffee,  
Tea or Juice

Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>  
7 am to 11 am  
Strasburg Fire Department  
163 E. King Street  
Strasburg, VA

Cost:  
\$7 Adult  
\$5 Children Under 12  
\$5 Carry-Out

Local Delivery  
Available

For More Information Call:  
540-465 3945







## Strasburg Chamber of Commerce Home for the Holidays

### ***"CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION"***

*Please note time changes for Business Open Houses and Parade*



#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015**

7:00 am-11:00 am **Breakfast ~ Pancakes & Sausage at the Fire Dept.**



9:00 am-2:00 pm **Holiday Bazaar ~ Signal Knob Middle School**

10:00 am **Strasburg High School Strings Concert ~ Strasburg Christian Church**



10:00 am-4:00 pm **Book Sale~ Strasburg Community Library**

10:00 am **Miniature Make Your Own Garden Workshop (Fee) and Free Make & Take Ornament ~ Natural Art Garden Center**

11:00 am- & 1:00 pm **Book Signing and Meet & Greet by Author, Kim Bishop ~ Pot Town Organics**

11:00 am-5:00 pm **Potter Barbara Robertson, Holiday Open Studio Event, Farmers Market, Wine Tasting ~ Pot Town Organics (Sat & Sun)**

11:00 am-5:00 pm **People's Drug Store ~ Sidewalk Sale and 20% Storewide**

11:00 am-5:00 pm **Business Open Houses ~ Look for the numbered paper tree in the window ~ SEE ... *"Shop, Eat, Explore"***

*List of participating - Please visit our businesses throughout the entire day~ Anthony's Pizza, First Bank, People's Drug Store, Pot Town Organics, HI Borden Lumber & Hardware, Career FIT, Anytime Fitness, Hangouts Grill, Strasburg Florist, Sager Real Estate, Strasburg Community Library, Fretts N Friends, Hotel Strasburg, Skyline Paintball, Iron Rose, Jean's Jewelers, Lydia's Clothes Basket, E. Pearls, Natural Art Garden Center, Tippy's Bakery, Simply Divine Candles, Advance Auto, Queen Street Diner, This N That Antiques and Hupps Hill Visitors Center*

12:00 pm **Strasburg Volunteer Rescue Squad ~ Chili and Hot Dogs (Available until gone)**

1:00 pm-3:00 pm **Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus ~ First Bank**

1:30 pm-3:00 pm **Strasburg High School Strings Caroling ~ throughout Downtown**



4:00 pm **Parade Line-up ~ Intersection of W. King St. and Capon St.**

4:30 pm **Christmas Parade ~ W. King to S. Massanutten**

#### **Following parade**

**Caroling** by Sandy Hook Elementary, Signal Knob Middle School, Strasburg High School Choir & **Tree Lighting** by Mayor Tim Taylor and family

**Live Nativity** by Strasburg Christian Church & **Hot Chocolate & Cookies**

#### **Following tree lighting**

**Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus ~ Hometown Park ~Professional Pictures available for purchase and printed on site by **Phoenix Photography****



**Liberty Baptist Church ~Hot Chocolate**

#### **Other December Community Holiday Activities**

**Friday, December 4, ~ 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Book Sale at the Strasburg Community Library**

**Thursday, December 17, 6-8p.m. ~ Annual Strasburg Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting & Elections & Holiday B2B!**

***For updated and added events  
visit [www.strasburgvachamber.com](http://www.strasburgvachamber.com)***

***In case of inclement weather, check the Chamber website or  
call the office (540) 465-3187 for cancellation information.***



In the November Newsletter, the "Did You Know" section was dedicated to why a citizen pays both Town and County taxes when they live in Town. The Town provides services that are necessary for the more densely populated areas to have value added services such as food establishments, shopping and grocery stores. The following chart will describe the services that both the County and Town provide. Remember, the County provides the services that are mandated by the State for basic governmental and daily function. The Town provides those services that add value and convenience. Because Virginia is a Dillon Rule state, there are only a limited number of methods that the General Assembly allows a local government to raise money. The two biggest funding methods are Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes. Imagine if the funding wasn't there for any of these services.

<b>County Services</b>	<b>Town Services</b>
Sheriff's Office	Police Department
Animal Shelter	Snow Removal
Emergency Communications Center	Water and Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance
Juvenile Incarceration	Water and Sewer Systems
Juvenile Probation and Parole	Street Maintenance
Adult Incarceration - Regional Jail	Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance
Commonwealth's Attorney	Leaf Collection
Courts: Juvenile and Domestic Relations, District, Circuit	Trash Collection and Recycling
Fire and Rescue support as well as 42 full time staff	Planning Services
Emergency and disaster planning and response	Zoning Regulation
Shenandoah County Public Schools	Plan Review
Participation in the community college system	Emergency Management
Library System	Fire and Rescue Support
Solid Waste at a centralized landfill	Economic Development
County wide Building Inspections	Park and Recreation services
County wide Erosion and Sediment Control	Pool Operation
Tourism	Main Street Program/Community Appearances
Economic Development	Grant Administration
Support of Virginia Cooperative Extension Office	Election Services
Parks and Recreation	Streetlights
Department of Social Services	Stormwater services
Department of Health	Architecture Review/Historic Designation
Comprehensive Services Act	Tourism Office
Commissioner of the Revenue	Museum Support
Treasurer	Library Support
Voter Registrar	Festival Organization and Support
	Youth Sports Support