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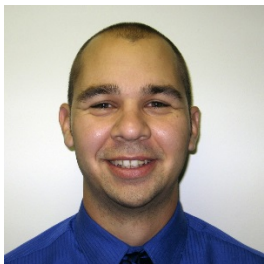
Official Newsletter of the Town of Strasburg, Virginia

July 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

NEW FACE IN TOWN

On July 6th, we will welcome Ryan Spitzer as the new Town Manager for the Town of Strasburg. Mr.



Spitzer was chosen from a field of 35 candidates to fill the vacancy created when Judson Rex left in January to accept the position of Assistant Town Manager for the City of Denison, Texas. Since January, Jay McKinley has been serving as Acting

Town Manager. Jay will continue on as Assistant Town Manager which will help to make the transition easier.

Mr. Spitzer did his undergraduate work at Virginia Tech, majoring in Environmental Policy and Planning and received his Master's degree from Tech in Applied Economics and an M.B.A. from Radford University. He also has graduate certificates in Foundations of Political Analysis and also Local Government Management from VA Tech. He has served as the manager for the Town of Glasgow and most recently as the assistant manager for the Town of Vinton. He is a native Virginian, having grown up in the City of Staunton. He feels the size of Strasburg is perfect for him since he doesn't see himself in a large city.

Please, be sure to welcome Ryan as you see him in the community.

CELEBRATING VIRGINIA'S LOCALITIES

The Executive Mansion recently announced that the theme for its 2015 Holiday Tree will be "Celebrating Virginia's Localities." They are asking localities to submit one hand-crafted ornament that uniquely represents their community. The holiday tree will be on view to the public throughout the holiday season and will be seen by thousands of visitors to the Executive Mansion in Richmond.

The Town of Strasburg has decided to ask our citizens for help in the creation of our Town's ornament. We will be accepting ornaments until October 1, with the winning ornament being sent to

the Executive Mansion. All other submissions will be displayed at the Strasburg Town Hall. Please, put your creative talents to work and make an ornament. Below are a few guidelines to follow:

- The theme of the ornament is totally up to the person submitting; however, it is suggested to depict some unique feature of our community such as an historic home, a person, or event, or a natural feature (mountain, river, etc.). Think of things that make Strasburg special.
- The size of the ornament should be no larger than 6". Shape and material is totally up to the artist/artisan. The finished ornament should have the name of the artist and "Town of Strasburg" on the back.
- The artist/artisan should reside in or near the Town of Strasburg. As the mansion may feature a children-themed tree in the future, it is being asked that this year's ornaments be created by adults.
- **All ornaments must be handmade;** no purchased ornaments.

If you have any questions, please call or email Amy Keller at 465-9197 or akeller@strasburgva.com. On behalf of Governor and Mrs. McAuliffe, "we thank you in advance for helping to make the 2015 holiday season both festive and educational for the many who visit the mansion from across our Commonwealth and nation." The Town of Strasburg hopes many will submit an ornament to help showcase the talents of our community.

4TH OF JULY CLOSINGS

The Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the 4th of July. Also, the boat landing will be closed **ALL DAY** on July 4th (beginning at midnight) due to the set-up of the fireworks show. If you plan to fish or float the river, please make alternate plans for parking. Also, the River Walk will close at 12 noon on the 4th. We are sorry for any inconvenience these closings might cause.

STRASBURG KIWANIS FREE SWIM PARTIES

The Town of Strasburg, along with the Strasburg Kiwanis Club will host a free community pool party on Thursday, July 16, from 6 – 8 p.m. Free food (hotdogs, chips, small drink, and popsicles). The Town wishes to thank the Kiwanis Club for their help in the community event.

BLOOD MOBILE

Just a reminder of the Red Cross Blood Mobile to be held at the Town Office on Friday, July 17. Please call 465-9197 for additional information. We still have lots of space available. Please help with this very worthy cause. You just



might save a life!



**Enjoy the
summer!**

WATER DAYS CAMP

Do your children like to get wet and have fun? If so, this is the camp for them. This is an action packed, water drenching camp full of water games, relays, races, and other water activities.

Campers should be able to swim as many of the games will be in the pool. Campers will also be able to stay at the pool for the remainder of the day, price included. Life guards will be on duty during camp.



Campers should bring bathing suits, sunscreen, towel, and lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: Register by July 24th through Shenandoah County Parks and Recreation.

Monday – Thursday

July 27 – 30

9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 7 – 12 years

Strasburg Town Pool



Instructor: Missy Himelright

Fee: \$43

Activity # for Registration: 330822B

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR July:

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

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 th – July 4 th Celebration, Town Park (see insert for more information)	27 – Finance & Personnel Comm., 5:30 p.m. Ordinance Comm., 7 p.m.
14 – Town Council, 7 p.m.	28 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
20 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	Public Safety Night – August 4th.
23 – ARB, 7 p.m.	

CITIZEN COMMENTS: (Please return to Town of Strasburg, PO Box 351, 174 East King Street, Strasburg, VA 22657)

CONTACT INFORMATION: *(In case follow up is necessary).*

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

**Strasburg Public
Safety Night**

Date: Tue. August 4th, 2015

Time: 6pm to 9pm

**Location: Strasburg Town Lot
(Behind Fire Department)**



**ENJOY LIVE MUSIC
7 –9 P.M.**