

# 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. 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



The Town of Strasburg extends a **THANK YOU** to all Veterans for serving our country and protecting our freedom.

**VETERANS DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

### 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 throughout the month of November. 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.



### **Things to Remember:**

- 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.
- 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 in gutters as crews cannot reach them.
- Do not soak leaves with water as this causes them to become too heavy for both men and machines to handle.

### **SCAM WARNING**

Strasburg Police Department is issuing a warning to residents about phone scams, particularly scams involving callers representing IRS agents. The

department has received many complaints from citizens claiming to have been called by the IRS; generally the IRS does NOT make phone calls so if you receive such a call simply hang up. The callers are very intimidating and threaten to obtain warrants on the caller; the IRS does not operate in such a manner. **Never** give personal information to any callers, especially date of birth, social security number, driver's license number, or address. The IRS or any legitimate business that you conduct business with already has this information so there would be no need for them to ask for it. Federal authorities are aware of the scams and they are being investigated, but the nature of the crime makes it difficult to prosecute. **PLEASE, do not become a victim of such scams.**

### **DO YOU KNOW.....**

Why you pay taxes to the town and the county?

Historically, Towns were formed from more densely populated areas within the County of which they reside. This is true with the Town of Strasburg.

By statute, the County is obligated to provide public education, courts, social services, a health department, constitutional officers (Sheriff, Clerk of the Court, Commonwealth Attorney, Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue) and many other services for the citizens of the county, which also by State statute includes **town citizens**. However, the County is only obligated to provide these specified services and, consequently, the needs of the urban area of any county often cannot be accommodated in a manner which would provide the citizens the more intense services that they need, desire, or are accustomed to, based upon the development of their homes, businesses, etc. in close proximity to one another. Your town taxes go toward these extra services which include water, sewer, trash pick-up, road maintenance, public safety, public recreation, events, etc. For example, the County may only have a few deputies on duty at any given time to provide services for Shenandoah County.

**WATCH YOUR MAIL**



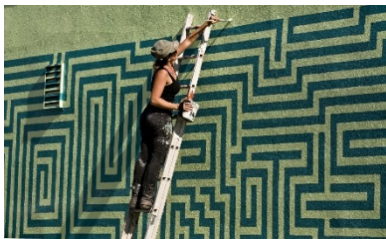
Town Personal Property and Real Estate taxes have been mailed. If you do not receive your bills by November 6, please contact the Town office at 540-465-9197.

Tax payments are due by **December 7, 2015**. Payment received after the due date will receive a 10% penalty.

You may pay your bill online using your debit or credit card at **officialpayments.com** using jurisdiction code 9004. You may also pay with cash or check in our office or mail your payment to P.O. Box 351, Strasburg, VA 22657

**STRASBURG'S NEW MURAL**

Have you seen our new mural! If not, stop by Pot Town Organics (or the library) and see it. Special thanks to Janet and Ron Heishman (Pot Town Organics owners)



for giving this space to the public to enjoy. Special thanks too, to Daniel Lefkowitz and Daniel Stover who helped

coordinate the project. Artist Ann Lewis (from Brooklyn, NY) created this art that resembles a maze with a hidden word in it. Bring the family down to see it and figure out the unique word.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

A BIG thank you goes out to Mary Redmon who created a special Christmas ornament to be displayed on the holiday tree at the Executive Mansion, home of Gov. & Mrs. McAuliffe. Mary was quite creative in making a replica Strasburg pottery crock and decorated it with greens and purple accents. Strasburg will be proudly represented with this decoration.



**LET'S HELP PUT STRASBURG ON THE MAP**

*Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Chamber Office, 132 W. King Street, Strasburg*

People in Strasburg and beyond are looking for what your business has to offer, and they're looking online. Because of this, People, Inc. has teamed up with Google, the Strasburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Strasburg to host a free workshop to help you and your fellow business associates get online and on the map. Small business owners are invited to attend this **FREE** workshop and networking opportunity to hear and implement free resources from Google.

The first 15 registered attendees get an exclusive "Let's Put Strasburg on the Map" swag. Be sure to bring your business cards to be entered into the door prize drawing. For more information, visit [www.strasburgva.com](http://www.strasburgva.com)

**FREE LETTER FROM SANTA**

The Town of Strasburg, working with Santa's Elves, will 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 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, one of their accomplishments this year (good grades, learned a new skill, etc.) and a phone number where you can be contacted in case of questions.

**REMINDER: ELECTION DAY**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Town residents vote at Strasburg High School, 250 Ram Drive.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mark your calendars now for a Public Forum on Monday, November 30, 6:30 – 8 p.m. General discussions will be held on how citizens can get involved in local government and what various generations of people expect from government.

**COME AND GET INVOLVED!**

**TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER:**

- Wednesday, Nov. 4: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, Nov. 11: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, Nov. 18: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, Nov. 25: **Trash Collection ONLY**

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**NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| 2 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.  | 16 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.                   |
| 3 – ELECTION DAY, SHS, 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.                                    | 24 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m.                         |
| 6 – DMV2Go, Town Hall, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.                                    | 26 & 27 – Town Office Closed; Thanksgiving Holiday. |
| 10 – Artist-of-the-Month Reception, 6:00 – 7 p.m. Town Council, 7:30 p.m. | 30 – Public Forum, 6:30 – 8 p.m.                    |