

# 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](mailto:info@strasburgva.com)

## KUDOS TO OUR POOL STAFF

With pool season drawing to a close, the Town of Strasburg wishes to thank pool staff for another successful and safe year. Many patrons visit the pool each year and keeping all safe is a huge responsibility which the town takes very seriously. Recently, three of our lifeguards were put to the ultimate test when they were called upon to save a person. A medical emergency caused a swimmer to nearly drown, but the quick actions of **Rachel Funkhouser, Adam Gordon, and Kennedy Smalls** averted a tragedy. All three guards, along with Assistant Pool Manager **Karen McGrath**, immediately executed all the steps taught to them in CPR and lifeguard training classes. CPR was administered until rescue personnel arrived and we are happy to report the swimmer has recovered. We are all very proud of these employees and most grateful for their ability to perform as trained under extreme pressure. **Thanks Rachel, Adam, Kennedy, and Karen.** All involved will be publicly recognized at the Council meeting on September 8.

## STRASBURG AWARDED CDBG FUNDING

Governor Terry McAuliffe recently announced that more than \$8.2 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for 12 projects in Virginia has been awarded. **The Town of Strasburg will receive \$700,000 of those monies.**

CDBG grants are awarded through a competitive process. Most projects benefit low- and moderate-income persons and many projects are targeted for the prevention or elimination of slums and blight conditions.

Strasburg's funding will assist with several projects including a façade improvement program for physical improvements to properties in the Downtown area. Other projects will include opening up the Brill Building to be "pop-up" space for short-term retail opportunities, retail incubator space for longer term retail opportunities, and cold-weather facilities for seasonal events. The Taxi Stand would be stabilized and preserved and the front would be adapted to provide space for a Visitor's kiosk to

house promotional material and would be open year-round.

A new public restroom would be built as a free standing facility next to the Town Green space where a band stand is proposed. This would provide space for community gatherings such as concerts and other events. Also included in this will be a Town Run Walkway. A portion of the Walkway will connect to the Town Hall parking lot via two pedestrian bridges. It will then connect the Town Green to the improved parking lot located behind the Strasburg Volunteer Fire Department. Part of these monies would also be used to enhance the town's marketing and branding strategy and wayfinding signage.

Stay up-to-date on these projects by visiting the town's website: [www.strasburgva.com](http://www.strasburgva.com).

## SAFETY SEAT CHECKS

The Strasburg Police Department is now a Certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Check Station.

Parents and caregivers can receive free "hands-on" help from a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to learn how to install their safety seat, by visiting a Safety Seat Check Station or a Safety Seat Check Event.

The car seat installation experience is an interactive one and takes 20 – 30 minutes, depending on the car seat and the vehicle. Parents and caregivers will be asked to complete a form prior to checking your safety seat for proper installation, fit for your child, expiration, and recalls.

**To ensure that you have the best experience, here is how you should prepare:**

- If expecting a baby, schedule an appointment one to two months prior to your due date. Many agencies require appointments several weeks in advance and some moms deliver early!
- If you have a child or have purchased a new seat, please try to bring your child with you or know your child's weight and height.
- Using the safety seat instructions and vehicle owner's manual, please install your seat prior

to your appointment in order to be familiar with your seat and basic installation. Please bring both manuals to your appointment.

A child is very precious cargo. Please, be sure they are secured safely by scheduling your appointment TODAY by calling 540-465-5230.

**DO YOU NEED A SMOKE ALARM?**

Did you know our local Red Cross Chapter provides a smoke alarm/detector free of charge? Simply call Kathy Trenum at 540-662-5412 and let her know you saw this in the Town of Strasburg's newsletter. She'll make arrangements to deliver and even install it in your home. This offer is for residential use only.



**PROJECT LIFESAVER**

The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions or disorders.

The task of searching for wandering or lost individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, Down syndrome, dementia, or other cognitive conditions is a growing and serious responsibility. Without effective procedures and equipment, searches can involve multiple agencies, hundreds of officers, countless man hours and thousands of dollars. More importantly, because time is of the essence, every minute lost increases the risk of a tragic outcome.

Working hand-in-hand with trained public safety agencies, Project Lifesaver International (PLI) will help you save time, money, and most importantly, your loved ones.

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around their wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Recovery times from PLI clients average 30 minutes – 95% less time than standard operations.

**The Strasburg Police Department is a proud member of Project Lifesaver International and has certified staff. The department offers this service free of charge, however donations are accepted to offset the cost. Please contact the Police Department (465-5230) if you have any questions.**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THE STRASBURG DOG PARK A REALITY!**

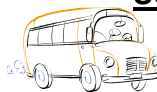
The Strasburg Dog Owner's Group (DOG) is in need of members who share the dream of a Dog Park in Strasburg.



**Please, call Michelle Miller, president of the group, to offer your help (540-325-6749).**

Without additional members, the dream will not happen.  
**Please call TODAY!**

**SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 8**



Shenandoah County Public Schools will open on **Tuesday, September 8.**

Drivers, please be on the lookout for children and be aware that students will be making their way to school by bus, car, foot, bike, scooter, or skateboard. Motorists need to be extra vigilant watching for children darting out from between parked vehicles and playing in and around sidewalks and crosswalks. Drivers also need to be aware of laws governing the sharing of roads and school parking lots with buses.

**ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH**

Plan to stop by the Town Hall during the next two months to view artwork featuring pastels by Diane Artz Furlong. There will be an Open House prior to the Council meeting on Tuesday, September 8 from 6 – 7 p.m. Art can be seen during normal business hours, too.

**TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER**

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

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

7 – Town Office CLOSED for Labor Day. Town Pool closes for season.	14 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.
8 – Shenandoah County Public Schools OPEN!!	22 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
8 – Art Reception, 6 – 7 p.m. Town Council, 7 p.m.	24 – ARB, 7p.m.