



# 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

## DID YOU KNOW.....

The Town of Strasburg operates and maintains a water treatment facility and a wastewater treatment facility, along with several pumping stations and miles of underground lines to transport the clean water to the homes and the used water to the wastewater treatment facility.

To fund these services, the Town charges users a monthly water and sewer fee. This fee is based on the actual cost to operate our facilities and maintain the distribution (water) system and collection (sewer) system. A separate water fund and sewer fund have been created to accept the fees (revenue in) and pay for the goods or services needed (expenditures out). The goal is for the funds to remain revenue neutral, be self-supporting (no tax dollars used) and to provide state and federal levels of service to our customers.

At times, the Town has found it necessary to upgrade our water and wastewater facilities. In the case of the water facility, an upgrade was needed to keep up with the demand in the distribution system. The wastewater plant is currently being upgraded to provide a higher level of treatment to satisfy the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Act.

In both cases, the Town had to borrow the funds to perform the upgrades. The loans are broken down into yearly debt amounts that are paid from the water and sewer fund balances. If either fund balance goes negative, then rates must be adjusted to make the funds revenue neutral again.

### **Now You Know!**

## 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

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.

## **DOG DAY IN THE PARK!**



Sponsored By: Strasburg DOG (Dog Owners Group)  
Saturday, April 30, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Strasburg Town Park

Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dog Walk to benefit the Strasburg Dog Park.

Each handler is allowed **two dogs** on the walk.

Entry fee: \$20.00 for first dog and

\$5.00 for each additional dog, at the gate.

Each person will receive a special event t-shirt, bottle of water, and a bandana for their dog.

Extra bandanas: \$3.00 each. Extra water: \$1.00

**PLEASE bring proof of Rabies Shots.**

Registration: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Last entry will be at 2:00 p.m.

Other activities planned: Bake Sale and sale of other goodies for dogs, T-shirts, String of Pearls, a small agility course, massage booth for both dogs and people, and Katie Leahy and her disabled kissing Pitbulls! Raffle will be held with ticket prices of \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for eight.

Volunteers are needed. Please, contact Michelle Warren at 540-325-6749 to volunteer or for additional information.

Come out and have a fun-filled day and make your furry friends happy.

*All proceeds to help with the building of a dog park!*



**ARTIST JOHN PAUL STRAIN**  
**is coming to Strasburg!**

**“Evening Orders in Strasburg”**

**Print Signing**  
**Saturday, April 9, 2016**  
**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**Gateway to Shenandoah Visitor Center**  
**33229 Old Valley Pike, Strasburg**

To reserve your print, please call:  
1-888-217-1865 (reservations required)!  
Reserved prints will be brought the day of the signing or can be picked up at  
King James Galleries  
161 Prosperity Drive, Ste. 104  
Winchester, VA 22602

If you have other artwork by Mr. Strain, bring it with you for signing.

**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.



**STRASBURG FARMERS MARKET**

Opening Day: Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Pot Town Organics – 181 West King Street

Our second year of the Market will be more exciting, more inclusive, and showcase more local vendors with a larger selection available to you. Please, join us on April 16<sup>th</sup> to meet our vendors and preview what we have planned for this season. Lots of local produce, crafts, baked goods, and special events are scheduled. Come and let us share our plans with you. Designated weekends will include musical entertainment, children’s crafts, and additional fun events for the entire family. To become a vendor, a volunteer, or for additional information, email: [strasburgfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:strasburgfarmersmarket@gmail.com) or call: 540-465-4444. We look forward to seeing you on the 16<sup>th</sup>.



**Do You Want to Be a LIFEGUARD?**

**The ARC r.12 Lifeguard Training Course will be offered at the Strasburg Town Pool in late May or early June. Cost: \$275**  
**Participants must be 15 years of age by the final night of the class. Re-cert classes will also be offered. Cost: \$175**  
**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.*

**ATTENTION CONTRACTORS**

The Town of Strasburg is pre-qualifying contractors to bid on façade improvements to commercial buildings for the Strasburg Downtown Revitalization Project. If you are a Virginia licensed (minimum of a Class B License) and insured contractor and are interested in bidding on this work, please contact:

Wyatt Pearson, Planning & Zoning Administrator  
Town of Strasburg  
540-465-9197 or [wpearson@strasburgva.com](mailto:wpearson@strasburgva.com)

The Town of Strasburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority- & female-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

**TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL:**

- Wednesday, April 6: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, April 13: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, April 20: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, April 27: **Trash Collection ONLY**

**APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

4 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	12 – Town Council, 7 p.m.
5 – Business Park Public Presentation, 5:30 p.m. Work Session, 7 p.m.	13 – Council Work Session, 8 a.m.
7 – CBL Launch Kick-off Event, 6 p.m.	18 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.
8 – Council/Staff Retreat, 8 a.m.	26 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m.
9 – John Paul Strain, Visitor Center, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	28 – ARB, 7 p.m. 30 – Dog Day in the Park, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Got a business idea but aren't sure how to make the pieces fit together?  
Launch or expand your business with cash awards & incentives  
up to \$50,000

**Strasburg Community Business Launch Kick-Off Event**  
April 7, 2016  
6pm - 7:30pm  
Hotel Strasburg  
213 S. Holliday Street  
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