

# The Strasburg Signal



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Official Newsletter of the Town of Strasburg, Virginia

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## DID YOU KNOW.....

There has been an entrepreneur class happening in Strasburg for the past 6 weeks. Twenty-three people have participated in the classes to learn how to write a business plan, start a business, finances, payroll, personnel issues and much more. Entrepreneurs will pitch their ideas on June 1 to a panel of judges. Awards night will be June 8th, so come out to 406 Borden Mowery Drive and cheer on the participants as they find out who won the prizes and money valued at over \$25,000. We will be giving out at least three prizes to entrepreneurs to open up a business in downtown Strasburg. Hopefully, this will be just the first year for this great program.

**REY UP Strasburg**  
Award Night  
Wednesday, June 8th at 6pm

## PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

Have you been wondering where your tax bill is? Thought maybe we forgot about you or it was lost in the mail or maybe just hoping the town wasn't going to send out bills? Rest assured we have not forgotten you! Due to the town receiving new financial software earlier in the year, tax bills have been delayed in being mailed. But, because of this delay, your payment will not be due until June 24<sup>th</sup> so you can hang onto your money just a little longer. However, even though the tax payment deadline is being extended for town taxes, Shenandoah County taxes will still be due on June 6, 2016.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mayor-Elect Rich Orndorff and new Council Members Kim Bishop, Shirley Maddox, and Barbara Plitt, winners of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> election. Please, join us on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> for a reception following the Council meeting as we bid farewell to

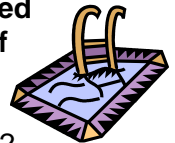
outgoing Mayor Tim Taylor and Council Members Bob Baker and Rick Redmon.

## SUMMER SAFETY AND FUN



The last day of school for Shenandoah County Public Schools is Wednesday, June 15. Help keep our children safe by being on the lookout for them on town streets.

The Town Pool will also be open daily beginning on **Wednesday, June 15. Please remember, all children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or assigned guardian who is at least 16 years of age.** Emergency contact information must be given, and will be kept on file, for all pool users between the ages of 12 and 18 who are at the pool without a parent or legal guardian. Punch passes are on sale now during normal pool hours!



## LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

The Strasburg Police Department will take part in the 2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 10 a.m.

Please, show your support by cheering on the runners along the route, beginning on Route 11 at the County line, through town, to the Old Mill Grille.

T-shirts and hats are available for sale with all proceeds going to Special Olympics. Coin cans have been placed in area stores for your donations.

Anyone interested in taking part in the run or in purchasing a shirt or hat, please contact Teresa at the Strasburg Police Department, 465-5230.



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

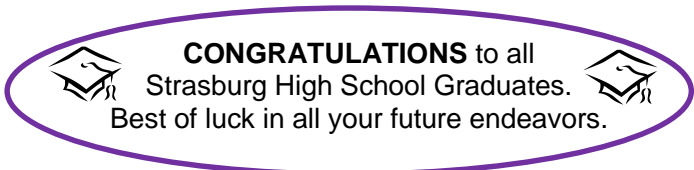
Blandy Experimental Farm is recruiting bumble bee hosts to assist with a study on bumble bee population decline in Virginia, which is a pressing issue. We need homeowners who are able to be a part of this exciting project by hosting a bumble



bee colony in their yard for the summer. Blandy will provide all materials and no expertise is needed; all that is required is that you are a reliable contact and are able to let the scientists at Blandy set up a colony in your yard and then visit the colony every two weeks. Ideal sites include those that are in the middle of a town or developed area in Harrisonburg, Front Royal, Stephens City, Strasburg, Warrenton, Winchester, and Woodstock. The colony will be set up in a corner of the yard so that it won't interfere with day-to-day activities, and bumble bees are quite docile.

**EVENTS AT HUPP'S HILL CIVIL WAR PARK**

On Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the 33rd Company D will present a Living History on the grounds. Also, we are pleased to announce Hupp's Hill Civil War Park and Museum will host the Library of Virginia's traveling exhibit, "**Virginia Women in History**", June 20 – 24, 2016. Free admission to the museum during this event! The Museum and Visitor Center is open daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is located at 33229 Old Valley Pike.



**STRASBURG KIWANIS FREE SWIM PARTIES**

The Strasburg Kiwanis Club hosts free community pool parties! Mark your calendars for June 17, July 21, and August 18, from 6 – 8 p.m. Free food (hotdogs, chips, bottled water, and popsicles) to school-aged children is usually available at the parties. A donation from adults partaking is appreciated. The Kiwanis is a wonderful club making a positive difference in our community for our children.

**TALL GRASS**

Spring has been very rainy and grass is growing. Please, keep in mind -----

- It is the property owner's responsibility to mow and maintain their lawn and the height of grass should not exceed eight (8) inches.

- Properties whose grass exceeds eight (8) inches will receive only **ONE NOTICE** of violation for the entire year before the Town cuts your grass and sends you a bill.
- Lawn maintenance is very beneficial! Mowing height and frequency will determine how healthy and attractive your lawn looks.
- Violations can be reported through your mobile device with a free mobile app, Your GOV.



**ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT**

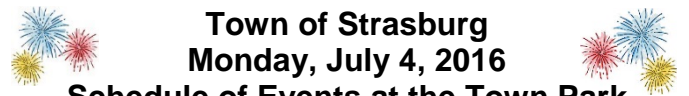
The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2015 is now available. To view online, please visit the town's website: [www.strasburgva.com](http://www.strasburgva.com) or stop by the Town Office for a paper copy.

**TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR MAY:**

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

**JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

6 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m. (Budget Public Hearing)	23 – ARB, 7 p.m.
14 – Town Council, 7:00 p.m.	28 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
20 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	<b>July 4 Celebration - Monday, July 4, beginning at 5 p.m.</b>



**Town of Strasburg  
Monday, July 4, 2016  
Schedule of Events at the Town Park**

**5:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

- **Food Court:** Hamburgers, Barbeque Sandwich, Hot Dogs, Kettle Korn, Ice Cream, Funnel Cakes, etc.
- **Children's Amusements:** Free
- **Pony Rides:** (\$small fee)
- **Music Provided By:** SHOCKWAVE
- **Cruise-In: Classic Trucks & Cars:** (sponsored by Valley Cruisers of Winchester)
- **FIREWORKS: 9:30 pm**
- **Pool Party: 10:00 pm – 11:15 pm** (\$1 for all entering gate; pool passes will **not** be accepted for this party – all must pay)!