



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, send comments 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.....Requirements for being a business owner in town do not stop when you obtain a business license!

Business Licenses need to be renewed annually by March 1. Additionally, if you have any signs (building mounted, window signage, free-standing, sandwich boards, etc.), plan to expand, or wish to start a home business, you will need a permit. Regulations are outlined in the Town of Strasburg's Unified Development Ordinance. Stop by the Town Hall, phone 540-465-9197, or email the town's Planning and Zoning Administrator Wyatt Pearson (wpearson@strasburgva.com) or Economic Development & Marketing Manager Michelle Bixler (mbixler@strasburgva.com) if you have any questions about whether or not you are in compliance with the regulations. We are here to help you better prepare for your changes and we also have business resources to share.

Also, if you are planning to open a restaurant or other food establishment, be sure to contact Tax Clerk Emily Ritenour to find out all the ins and outs of meals tax --- how much must be collected, when the tax is due to the town, what can happen if the tax is not turned into the town, etc. Emily can be reached at the Town Hall, by calling 540-465-9197 or emailing: eritenour@strasburgva.com. Town Staff wants you to succeed in your business and we are all here to help with that success.

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

With warmer weather comes registration for spring and summer sports.

Strasburg Little League: In-person registration will be held at the Strasburg Town Hall on Saturday, February 11 and Saturday, February 25, 9am – 12 noon on both days, and Monday, February 20, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Registration fee is \$65. To register or for additional information, visit the league's website: www.strasburglittleleague.com



Shenandoah County Soccer League: Registration for the spring soccer season is now open.

www.shenandoahcountysoccerleague.com



is where information and on-line registration can be found.

Shenandoah Valley Youth Lacrosse: Register now for the SVYL Spring season. Find information, including registration information at: svyl.usalaxteams.com



Summer Swim Team: For registration information, contact Ina Rae Crisman at (540-758-3269) or ircrisman@yahoo.com.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

The Artists of the Months of February and March will be Signal Knob Middle School students. The students are taught by teacher Heather Fellers. Stop by the Town Hall to see the work of these young artists.

STAY INFORMED

Would you like to know when meetings are being held and what will be discussed? Please, email info@strasburgva.com to have your name added to the list of businesses and citizens who receive agendas for upcoming meetings. Stay in the loop for what is being discussed in the Town of Strasburg!

Clip here and return

LOVE

The Town of Strasburg is being awarded \$1,500 to create a **LOVE** artwork sculpture! "**LOVE**" sculptures are popping up all over Virginia, and visitors "love" to visit them and get their picture taken with the sculptures (see an example sculpture on back of this survey). Where should the **LOVE** sculpture be? Vote by marking below and returning to the Town Hall or visit <http://svy.mk/2ko8EYq>

- Gateway to Shenandoah Visitor Center
- New Event Space in Downtown Strasburg

FY2017-18 BUDGET PREPARATION

The Finance Department is beginning to work on the FY 2017-18 Budget. Department Directors have submitted their estimated expenditures for the coming year and revenue projections are being calculated. Listed below is the tentative calendar for the budget process. Citizens are invited to all meetings to learn more about the budget process and offer input.

FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 BUDGET CALENDAR

- February 6, 2017, 7 p.m.** – Work Session: Discuss major budget factors
- March 6, 2017, 7 p.m.** – Work Session: Review scenarios with Council
- April 3, 2017, 7 p.m.** – Work Session; Review draft budget
- May 1, 2017, 7 p.m.** – Work Session, if needed
- May 9, 2017, 7 p.m.** – Public Hearing on FY2017-18 Proposed Budget
- June 13, 2017, 7 p.m.** – Council meeting; adopt FY2017-18 Budget

JUST A REMINDER.....

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.

Also, if you have recently changed your phone number, please let the Town Office know. This helps Town Staff keep records up-to-date.



ORDINANCE CHANGE

SECTION 82-8 OF THE TOWN CODE

The Strasburg Town Council passed changes to the Town Code pertaining to bicycles, skateboards, and other wheeled devices on the streets. The adopted Code change reads:

- Sec. 82-8. – Sidewalk and crosswalk zones where bicycles, skateboards and other devices on wheels or runners prohibited.
- (a) *Generally.* No person shall ride a bicycle, roller skates, skateboard, toy or other device on wheels or runners on or across a sidewalk, roadway or crosswalk where such use of bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, toys or other devices on wheels or runners is prohibited by designation in this section and where signs indicating such prohibition have been conspicuously posted in the zones where such use is prohibited.
 - (b) *Prohibited zones designated.* The streets, sidewalks, and portions of streets designated as "prohibited zones" in this section shall be as follows:
 - (1) King Street, between Capon Street and Acton Place
 - (2) Massanutten Street, between Washington Street and King Street.
 - (c) As an exception to the foregoing provisions, bicycles may be operated in accordance with all traffic regulations applicable to motor vehicles, on any street in the Town of Strasburg.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW
FOR THE *FIRST EVER*
Strasburg
GRILLED CHEESE & TOMATO SOUP
FESTIVAL 
March 25, 2016
Watch for more information
in the March Newsletter.

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:

- Wednesday, Feb. 1: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, Feb. 8: **Trash & Recycling Collection**
- Wednesday, Feb. 15: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, Feb. 22: **Trash & Recycling Collection**

ATTENTION: Watch for information on a survey pertaining to the Trash & Recycling service in next month's newsletter.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	21 – Trans/Streets/Sidewalks Comm., 5:30 p.m. Council Work Session, 7 p.m.
14 –Town Council, 7 p.m.	23 – ARB, 7 p.m.
16 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m.	27 – Council Comm., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
	28 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m.