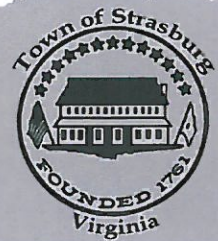


The Strasburg Signal



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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. For suggestions, please contact 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.....



Once again, the Town of Strasburg will be represented on the holiday tree at the Executive Mansion, home of Gov. and Mrs. Terry McAuliffe. Council Member **Barbara**

Plitt created a special wooden ornament depicting the Strasburg Water Tower. A Special THANK YOU for making this ornament; this is her second featured ornament on the Governor's tree.

LEAF PICK-UP

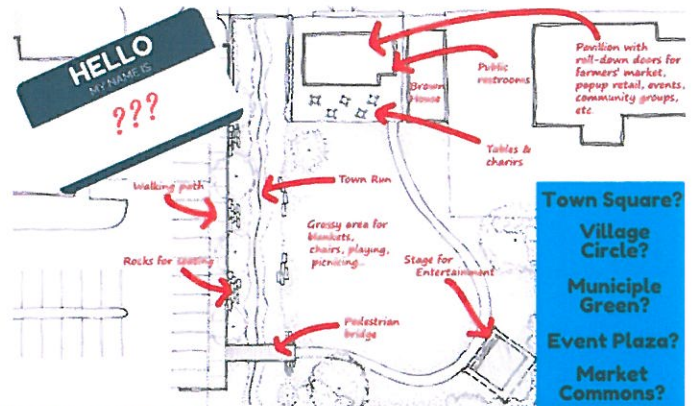
The Town of Strasburg Public Works Department will be collecting leaves from the curb. **LEAVES DO NOT NEED TO BE BAGGED!** Leaves will be collected starting November 1 and collection will continue throughout the month, weather permitting. Crews will repeatedly canvas areas to remove leaves from the 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. Here are a few tips to help make this clean-up safer and easier for all:



- 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 and is a safety hazard to workers.

- 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.



NAME THE EVENT SPACE

Submit your idea by November 30th

www.strasburgva.com or in person at Town Hall

The Town of Strasburg is turning to the community for ideas on what to name the new event space that is being built next to Town Hall. The competition officially begins on November 1 and will go for at least one month, depending on the number of responses. The Town is looking for at least 20 submissions before turning it over to the grant management team and brand advisory group to narrow down the choices. At that point, it will go back to the community to decide the favorite via an online and an in person poll.

The event space will be located across Town Run from Town Hall and will incorporate a stage, public restrooms, and a pavilion with roll-down glass doors.

REMINDER:

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.

Strasburg residents vote at the Strasburg High School, 250 Ram Drive.



BUSINESS AS USUAL

Lightning Round!

What is the name of your business?

- BlueScreen Computer Services

How long have you been in business?

- 15 1/2 years

Tell us about your ideal customer.

- *Someone who seeks solutions to their computer woes, as well as wants to understand how they happened & how to prevent them in the future*

Tell us something unique or special about your business.

- *I always go on-site, and perform all computer work in front of the customer. I welcome an audience, questions and frank discussion all while I work.*

What is your favorite thing about Strasburg?

- *Strasburg is located at a significant crossing of highways, which makes it easy to travel in all directions to help customers all over the valley.*

Where is your favorite place to eat out and why?

- *The Woodstock Cafe & Shoppes. It is classy and they have eclectic daily specials that are tasty and healthy!*

Tell us a funny story about your business.

- *I was intensely focused on a computer problem in Woodstock, and barely noticed that the desk and other items in the room were gently swaying. I devoted only half a second in thinking about it, and guessed that there was perhaps an off-balance washing machine in the next room, causing the shake. I kept at the problem at hand, solved it and gave the customer the good news. Only after I left and got in my vehicle did I notice the alerts on my phone: We had just experienced an earthquake in our region of a magnitude of 5.8 on the Richter Scale!*

If someone wants more information, how can they contact your business?

- *For scheduling or urgent requests, phoning is the best way to reach BlueScreen: 540-975-5000. Otherwise, my email is jesse@bluescreencomputer.com and many folks also message me through The BlueScreen Facebook Page, over at www.facebook.com/BlueScreenComputer*

Each month we're going to ask a business to answer the following questions. This month we are featuring BlueScreen Computer Services

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 11th** and, in response, they'll receive their very own personalized letter back from Santa.



If you cannot come to the mailbox, email Amy Keller at akeller@strasburgva.com. Parents (or grandparents) need to provide the following: child's name, mailing address, age, gender, one of their accomplishments this year (good grades, a new skill, good friend, etc.) and a phone number where you can be contacted in case of questions.

REMINDER: All letters, either dropped in the mailbox or emailed, must be received by Monday, December 11th. There is a turn-around time in getting letters to the North Pole and then back again so we don't want any disappointed children.

INTERESTED IN GARDENING?

There is a new garden in the works at the Town Park. The garden will have community plots available for families or individuals to grow their own produce. Free gardening classes will be available if you need help getting started! Demonstration garden plots will showcase companion planting, farmscaping, composting and other garden best management practices. A portion of all the produce grown in the garden will be donated to local food pantries to provide those in need within our community with fresh, local, healthy produce.

If you are interested in becoming a garden sponsor, partner or gardener, please contact the Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District at (540) 465-2424 ext. 5 and ask for Ali or Nick.

The community garden project is a collaboration between public and private community entities and supported through a Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District grant received from the National Association of Conservation Districts and the United States Department of Agricultural Services.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

**Strasburg Community Library
BOOK SALE**



Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ALL books, including hardbacks, are \$2 or less!

Plan to attend and support our local library.
195 West King Street, Strasburg

DMV2Go

Will be at the Town Hall on
Tuesday, November 28, 9 a.m. – 4p.m.

Stop by to take care of most DMV matters.

THEY HAVE BEEN MAILED!



Town Personal Property and Real Estate taxes have been mailed! Tax payments are due by **Tuesday, December 5, 2017**. Payment received after the due date will receive a 10% penalty. If you have not received your tax bills, please contact the Town Hall. 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 COMMUNITY YULETIDE CELEBRATION

Kick off this season of joy, hope, and compassion for all by joining your friends and neighbors as we celebrate the light in the darkness and carol for Peace on Earth.

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

WHERE: Strasburg Town Park, near the boat landing

WHAT IS HAPPENING: The Fire Crew will light the Yule Fire at 6:30 p.m. There will be groups of carolers, stations for hot apple cider and gingersnaps, and a lantern path to the woods. Bring your family and spread the joy.

The event is sponsored by volunteers in our town. A planning meeting will be held on Monday, November 6 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall. Please, join us.



TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER:

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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 6 - Council Work Session, 7 p.m. | 14 - Town Council 7 p.m. |
| 7 - Election Day, polls open at 6 a.m.; close at 7 p.m. | 16 - Planning Comm., 7 p.m. |
| 9 - Buildings/San/Recycling, 6 p.m. | 20 - Council Work Session, 7 p.m. |
| 11 - Veterans Day | 23 & 24- Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed |



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY | NOV 25



STRASBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

YOU'LL ♥ OUR
Members!
#SHOPSMALL



Kick off your Holiday Shopping
Strasburg Fire Department 10 am to 3 pm

**Holiday Bazaar featuring
Local Crafters & Vendors**

**&
Chili Cook Off**
\$5 for Tasting Spoon
&
Voting Card

Awards & Cash Prizes for:
Peoples Choice Judge's Blue Ribbon

**Special Appearance from Marshall & Minion
from Mascots to You**

Visit Strasburgvachamber.com & watch our FACEBOOK for updates on this event



Christmas Tree
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Christmas Tree



Join in our Silent Auction of
Trees & Wreaths decorated by
Local Businesses & Individuals
in our community showing
their holiday spirit.

Trees will be located in the
Strasburg Town Hall for bidding

Tree Debut & Bidding
will start in November

All proceeds to benefit
the Strasburg Chamber
of Commerce

Contact Angie if you have any questions:
540-465-3187 Office 540-335-6463 Cell
strasburgcoc@gmail.com



**Strasburg Chamber
of Commerce**



“HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS”

Christmas Celebration

Mark your Calendars!

Saturday December 2, 2017

Parade Line up at 4:00 pm

Moves at 4:30 pm

**Business
Open House**



Caroling

**Tree Lighting with
the Mayor Rich Orndorff, Jr & Family**

**Professional Photos with Santa
from Phoenix Photography**



More Details To Come.....

