

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." - William Shakespeare

Isn't what Shakespeare said so true? We all feel young on the first warm spring days that arrive in April. We remember those sweet times when we embraced the spring with all its promise of an exciting summer.

Speaking of new and exciting, the council had five excellent candidates who applied for the open council position left by the untimely passing of Mary Alice Burch. It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of **Doug Bradley** to our Town Council. Having served as a councilman and mayor for 24 years in a small town similar to New Market, Doug brings a wealth of experience to his new position. Born in Luray, he has spent a great deal of time in New Market over the last ten years so he is very familiar with the valley. Welcome Mr. Bradley! We on the council look forward to working with you to make New Market even better than it is today. It is my sincere hope that those not chosen this time around will stay involved and consider running for a position during the next election cycle.

April is 2011-2012 budget time. You will soon see a copy of the budget on the town website or be able to pick up a copy at the town office. The council will hold a public hearing on the budget at a special meeting of the Town Council. A date has not been announced but keep an eye on the Town website or simply call the town office. Please review the proposed budget and give us your input. The council needs and wants to hear from the citizens as to how the precious resources collected through **your tax dollars** should be spent.

I would like to welcome the *Simple Thymes* shop to town.

Located at 9471 Congress Street, across the street from the New Market Grocery, it is a lovely little country shop with a great variety of decorative items and antiques. Please take the time to stop by and welcome them to town and perhaps pick up something for your home or a gift for someone special.

Where are we with the Streetscape Project? The town has selected a contractor. We now await VDOT approval. As soon as that is received we will announce a start date. The trees will be the first to go and the last to be replaced so you can judge the start and progress of the project by watching for the trees. We, town officials and the contractor, plan to have a meeting with the downtown business owners and citizens to outline the construction schedule and other details prior to the start. As soon as this meeting is scheduled we will notify those directly affected, so be watching for the announcement. Although this is an exciting project, it may try our patience, as completion will not happen overnight. Once started, the contractor will have a period of approximately five months to finish his work. In the end, their efforts, along with the past and present efforts of the planners and the patience of the business owners, will go a long way in enhancing our town.

It will do us all good to mark the words of Robert A. Heinlein:

"Don't ever become a pessimist... a pessimist is correct oftener than an optimist, but an optimist has more fun, and neither can stop the march of events."

FIRST ANNUAL "MY MOUNTAIN CLEANUP"

Saturday, April 9, 2011
9:00 am

The roadside litter on the Massanutten Mountain is out of control and needs our attention! A major trash pickup is scheduled for the Shenandoah County side of 211 East, from the first turn at the bottom to the county line at the top. Join your neighbors and volunteer to clean up the gateway to our beautiful valley!

Email or call Donna Linski for more information and to volunteer. A head count is needed for proper event organization. We'll meet at the Visitor's Center parking lot at the top of the mountain to distribute trash bags and get started. Hope to hear from you today! dlinski@shentel.net, 740-8859 or 975-0038.

LIBRARY NEWS

Celebrate National Library Week, April 10-16 by visiting the New Market Library. Today's libraries can help you discover a new and exciting world. Take advantage of the free access to books, computers, CDs, DVDs, periodicals, reference materials and much more! Our dedicated volunteers are there to help you find the information that you need. This would be a great time to thank a volunteer or perhaps to become a library volunteer yourself!

Thanks to a donation, the library is now receiving the Northern VA Daily newspaper. Feel free to drop by and read it!

The library is seeking to add to our DVD collection and would welcome donations of DVDs in good condition. DVD patrons include both children and adults with a wide range of interests.

Just a reminder, the library is open each week, Monday from 9:00 am - 6:30 pm, Tuesday-Friday from 1:00-5:00 pm, Thursday evenings from 7:00 -9:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-1:00 pm and Sunday afternoons from 2:00-5:00 pm.

The children's story hour is held on the third Friday of each month. It will be "Quacking Time" on April 15th with entertaining duck stories.

New Books:

Maeve Binchy, Minding Frankie

Jodi Picoult, Sing You Home

Linda Fairstein, Silent Mercy

Clive Cussler, The Jungle

Lisa Gardner, Love You More

Walter Mosley, When the Thrill Is Gone

James Patterson, Toys

Brian Herbert, Hellhole

Hannah Kristin, Night Road

Alexander McCall Smith, The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party

C. J. Box, Cold Wind

E. L. Doctorow, All the Time In the World

Suzanne Brockmann, Breaking the Rules

Karen Kingsbury, Leaving

Harlan Coben, Live Wire

Jonathan Kellerman, Mystery

Jean Auel, The Land of the Painted Caves

Books for Younger Readers:

Manners MASH-Up: A Goofy Guide to Good Behavior,

Tedd Arnold

Basher: ABC Kids, Simon Basher

Press Here, Herve Tullet

Civil War, Jon Stanchak

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club entertained the Cohee Garden Club at their March meeting which was held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Speaker, Janet Cardwell, described and showed around 130 slides on "The Wild Flowers in Shenandoah National Park". Her audience was amazed at the number and beauty of the wild flowers. Many are on the endangered species list. She closed with a few slides of butterflies and the cardinal, Virginia's state bird.

POLICE BLOTTER

In February the New Market Police Department responded to 422 calls for service. There were 2 physical arrests. Officers worked 1 motor vehicle crash, issued 64 traffic citations and 120 warnings.

The next New Market Area Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the Town Hall.

Crime Prevention Tip:

Vacation is a time for relaxation and enjoyment. It can also be the time for crime victimization if appropriate crime prevention measures are not followed. The following crime prevention tips or recommendations are designed to allow the vacationer to enjoy a safe and secure trip and to return to a secure residence.

- Have good quality locks on all doors and windows and use them.
- Make sure your residence looks lived in, not empty.
- Leave shades and blinds in a normal position.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your residence while you are away.
- Leave your vacation address and telephone number with a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Test your smoke and burglar alarms.
- Stop all deliveries and arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspaper and packages.
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain the yard to give the home a lived in look.
- Have a neighbor place garbage cans at the curb on your normal pickup day and return them after the garbage pickup is made.
- Plug in timers to turn lights and a radio or television on and off at appropriate times.
- Turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low. If a burglar is around, he won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing telephone.
- If you have call forwarding on your telephone, forward your calls to a trusted friend or relative.

If anyone needs to have a child safety seat checked, please call the Police Department at 540-740-3776.

Please Remember to Buckle up! Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest!

THE FARMERS MARKET ON CONGRESS STREET

Last year a Saturday morning Farmers Market was organized and held on the parking lot of Casual Friday located at 195 East Lee Highway. This year we have a NEW location on the Town's public parking lot on Congress Street beside Jalisco's. The market will be open every Saturday from May 7, 2011 through October 8, 2011 from 8:00 am until Noon.

Now that we have more room, we are planning a lot of fun activities for all ages throughout our second season. We hope to see you there!

If you would like to learn more about The Farmers Market on Congress Street, go to our website at <http://belocalnewmarket.blogspot.com/>. From there you can check us out on Facebook!

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Annual Chamber Banquet was held Thursday, March 17, 2011 at the Quality Inn in New Market. The Italian Cuisine prepared by the Johnny Appleseed Restaurant really set the tone for the evening.

The Outstanding Business of the Year was awarded to Steptoe's Barbershop. Junior Steptoe's family has owned and operated the barbershop for over 70 years. Junior Steptoe was also the recipient of the Outstanding Person of the Year award. He is certainly a pillar of our community and has provided hair cuts to several generations of many families over the years.

The Outstanding Civic Organization of the Year was awarded to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. This food pantry is maintained at Manor Memorial Methodist Church and is an asset to our town. We greatly appreciate the work and effort the volunteers put into this program to help make it a success.

The Chamber would like to thank everyone who helped make our Annual Banquet a huge success.

The 2011 Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce are as follows:

- Bernie Brown - Marion Alpacas
- Liz Gum - BB&T
- Tom Constable
- Bruce Dillon - Movin' On Up Cleaners
- Joe Proctor - Shenandoah Caverns
- Susie Hill
- Cathy Wittig - Donald - Valley Sports Connection
- Velma Jordan - Schultz Theatre
- Kathy Boyles - Little J's

The next monthly meeting of the Chamber will be held April 12, 2011 at The Shenvalee from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm.

NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE

The recently merged New Market Fire and Rescue Department is proud to report the acquisition of a new 2011 International Horton model ambulance. The 2011 replaces a 2002 model which was recently taken out of service and sold. In addition to the new ambulance, the department has two other ambulance units (2003 and 2006 respectively) in service to provide coverage to the New Market community. Fully outfitted the newest addition to the fleet came at a cost of approximately \$219,000. The new ambulance should see many years of service to our community. The department depends on a variety of funding sources including state, federal and local government financial assistance, fundraisers like Bingo and others as well as the generosity of the community to ensure we have good equipment ready to serve you in a time of need.

Remember that the department hosts weekly Bingo every Friday night. Doors open at 4:30 and play begins at 6:30 pm.

The department is always in need of volunteer help. You too can serve. In addition to the brave folks who volunteer to respond to local fire and medical emergencies, the department also needs citizen volunteers to help with building and grounds, finances and a host of other organizational duties that make our department function. If you are interested in being a volunteer on a fire engine, ambulance or other valuable capacity, contact a member of the department or call Mr. John H. Blosser, Department President at 740-8904.

FREE CLOTHING

Free Clothing for Needy People - Wednesdays 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and Thursdays 8:30 am - Noon, at the Seventh Day Adventist's Community Services Center located at 62 West Lee Highway. Questions? Call 740-8550.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Center will sponsor a yard sale at the Park on the 4th of July this year. The yard sale will be located on the grass outside the tennis courts. Check this newsletter for further information next month.

The New Market High School Alumni will hold their bi-annual meeting at the Center on September 30 and October 1, 2011.

Thank you for your contributions to the New Market Community Center, Inc. We cannot continue to maintain this historical facility without the assistance of the Town of New Market, its citizens and members of the surrounding communities.

The RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on April 11, June 27, September 12, October 17 and December 1, 2011. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021 to schedule your mammogram.

The Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle club is at the Center for "Picking Sessions" Friday evenings at 7:00 pm and continues each Friday night through the end of May. Admission is free.

Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. You may call 800-651-6000 for further information.

Kathy Hurd-Corillo operates a dance studio Monday, Thursday and Friday nights at the Center. Her telephone number is 540-856-2214. New Students are welcome.

For rentals at the Center, please contact **Claudia Gray at 540-740-4257**. We rent the cafeteria/kitchen and the gymnasium as well as the classrooms. Check with us before you book your party elsewhere. We have a family-friendly atmosphere at the Center. Call for rental prices. The cafeteria will comfortably seat 100. For an additional fee, the kitchen is also available.

The Board Members have voted to offer, on a limited basis, space for public-service organizations to hold special events. The Center Board must approve these events in advance. Requests for meeting space are to be mailed to the Center at P.O. Box 1377, New Market, VA 22844. This is offered to assist those organizations needing a large meeting area.

NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mark your calendars now for the May 26th meeting of the New Market Historical Society. The program will be "Rebels Baseball: The Beginning" by Bob Moyers. Baseball has been played in New Market since 1866 when the team was known as the Lee Club. It is believed that during the 1930's the team officially became the New Market Rebels. Bob will share how the Valley League developed and some of the changes that have occurred. Come, listen and then share your memories. Bring old photos, newspaper clippings or other Rebel memorabilia. Remember, guests are always welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 2011

- 1 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 4 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel 6:30 pm
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, to
Economic Development & Historic 7:30 pm
Preservation
- 4 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 7 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
At the Town Hall
- 8 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 11 - 15 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 18 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 24 Easter**
- 29 Leaf and Grass Pickup

May 2011

- 2 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel 6:30 pm
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, to
Economic Development & Historic 7:30 pm
Preservation
- 6 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 13 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 14 & 15 Battle of New Market Reenactment
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 20 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 26 New Market Historical Society 7:30 pm
At the Town Hall
- 27 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 30 Town Office Closed for Memorial Day**

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Doug Bradley • Gary D. Comer • Harry Durrett • Troy Fadeley • Charles E. Litten
Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

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Jeanne K. Rinker *Town Clerk*
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