

## EXCESSIVE OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE

In June the Town Council passed an ordinance pertaining to excessive occupancy of all dwelling units (single-family homes, townhouses, apartments, etc.). The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the public within the residential community from any threats to neighborhood quality that accompany overcrowding of land or excessive density of population. While passed in June the ordinance will not officially be enforced until mid September. This grace period is to allow those not in compliance with the regulations listed below the time to make the necessary arrangements so as not to be in violation.

This ordinance consists of three main components: 1) Relationship of Occupants; 2) Occupancy Standards Based on the Size of the Residence; and 3) Occupancy Standards for Bedrooms. Please note that to be in compliance a residence must meet the criteria established by all three. The regulations listed in this newsletter have been summarized but a full text version may be obtained at the Town Office. It is also important to point out that the enforcement of this ordinance will be completely driven by complaints, as Town staff will not actively seek out properties that may be excessively occupied.

### Relationship of Occupants

Residential dwellings may be occupied by any one of the following groups of persons or types of families:

- 1) Persons who are all related to one another by blood, marriage, or adoption (subject to building and bedroom size regulations).
- 2) Up to four persons who are not all related to one another by blood, marriage, or adoption.
- 3) Two unrelated persons and any children related to either of them.
- 4) No more than eight persons who are residents of a group home as defined within the Code of Virginia, or who are handicapped as defined in the Fair Housing Act.

### Occupancy Standards Based on the Size of the Residence

The Town limits the number of adult occupants in a house based upon the size of the entire dwelling unit. The following table outlines these limits for single and two-family dwellings.

Livable Floor Area of Dwelling Unit (in square feet)	Maximum Number of Adult Occupants
1 to 1,200	5 adult occupants
1,201 to 1,750	6 adult occupants
1,751 to 2,400	7 adult occupants
2,401 to 3,150	8 adult occupants
3,151 to 4,000	9 adult occupants
4,001 to 4,500	10 adult occupants

\*Adult occupant is any individual 18 years of age or older.

### INCREASE IN TRASH FEES

Effective, July 1, 2008, the monthly fee for trash service increased to \$9.00. This increase will be reflected on your August 1st, 2008 water/sewer bill.

### NEW MARKET WELCOMES NEW TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Chris Boies, 27, of Strasburg, will begin his role as Town Manager on Monday, August 4th, 2008. Mr. Boies holds bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from James Madison University. He has been Shenandoah County's director of planning and zoning for the past three years.

The New Market Town Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Boies as Town Manager on July 1st, 2008. Council Members were familiar with Mr. Boies as he has worked with them previously on New Market's Future Growth Area. The Mayor and Council Members agree that Mr. Boies has the background and work ethic to perform excellently as Town Manager. Town Staff and Council Members are looking forward to working with Mr. Boies.

### THE MAYOR'S CORNER

I would like to thank all the people who attended the first Mayor's Forum on July 15, 2008. It was great to have Mike Dorman, the new principal of Stonewall Jackson High School, and Chris Bois, our new Town Manager, join us. We had a lot of good discussion and many ideas were exchanged. I have a list of things to follow up on so I will be busy for a while. The next Mayor's Forum will be Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

I am writing this column from the Virginia Municipal League conference for newly elected officials. Of the some 2500 newly elected officials throughout the state, there are approximately 1125 of us who have gathered here to learn and share ideas. Your new council member, Harry Durrett, is also in attendance, and we are both looking for ideas that will assist us in better meeting the needs of New Market residents. I am pleased to say that one of the sessions is on economic development, something I feel is a major need in New Market.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to better serve you, the citizens of New Market. I am always willing to listen to your concerns and possible solutions. As I get to know the Town employees better, I am realizing how lucky we are to have such terrific people working for all of us. They really care about our Town and are here to serve you.

See you at the next Mayor's Forum or Town Council Meeting!

## LIBRARY NEWS

If you've been watching the building of the new library, you will be as excited as we are to see the progress! We will be moving to a beautiful facility that blends in with the architecture of the old Emmanuel Church and the Town Hall. From the arched windows to the old bricks, recycled from an old house in Harrisonburg, this library will be a viewing pleasure. We continue to raise funds for the project. Tax deductible donations may be mailed to New Market Library, P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

Due to inclement weather and a low turn out for our June book sale, the library will hold its final book sale of the season on August 9, 2008, as part of the Route 11 Yard Crawl. We have a large inventory of books that must be sold prior to moving this fall! Money raised from the book sale will be matched by a donation from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Books can be purchased prior to the sale. They are on display in the library's annex during open hours.

### **New Books to Read During the "Dog Days of August":**

Hit and Run by Lawrence Block  
Where Memories Lie by Deborah Crombie  
My Sister My Love by Joyce Carol Oates  
Sister's Choice by Emile Richards  
Chasing Darkness by Robert Crais  
Death Angel by Linda Howard  
The Ashes of Worlds by Kevin Anderson  
The Sand Castle by Rita Mae Brown  
Tribute by Nora Roberts  
One of Those Malibu Nights by Elizabeth Adler  
Silent Thunder by Iris Johansen & Roy Joy Johansen  
Swan Peak by James Lee Burke  
Just Too Good To Be True by E. Lynn Harris  
Killer View by Ridley Pearson  
Last Kiss by Luanne Rice  
Rules of Deception by Christopher Reich  
Say Goodbye by Lisa Gardner  
Damage Control by J. A. Jance  
Into the Fire by Suzanne Brockmann  
Moscow Rules by Daniel Silva  
Fractured by Karin Slaughter

## THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

Construction will begin at the Center within the next several weeks! We will be installing 63 replacement windows in the main building. The windows that will be installed were chosen to keep the historical integrity of the building. We are also adding air conditioning in the cafeteria and kitchen. These two projects have been planned for several years.

The Center will hold our 15th Annual Craft Show on October 25 & 26, 2008. Should you have any questions, please call Claudia Gray (740-4257). Registration forms have been mailed. We have no plans to increase rental fees for craft spaces. Because we have a limited number of spaces available, early registration is necessary.

For rentals at the Center, please contact **Claudia Gray at 540-740-4257**. Check with us before you book your party elsewhere. 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 377, New Market, VA 22844. This is offered to assist those organizations needing a large meeting area.

Thank you for your continued support of your Community Center.

## NEW MARKET AREA RESCUE SQUAD

We have several events coming up that we invite you to enjoy:

**August 3, 2008** Heartsaver CPR 2:00 pm - until...  
Space is limited so call to sign up now!  
**August 23 & 24, 2008** Heritage Days  
**August 24, 2008** Valley Cruisers at Rebel Park until 4 pm

Also, don't forget Bingo every Friday night. Doors open at 4:30 pm and games start at 6:30 pm!!

Fall Fling tickets are on sale for \$50.00 each. The prizes to be given away include a total of \$14,000 cash, 33 guns, a laptop computer, flat screen TV, 3 four wheelers, 2 gators, and a 4 X 4 Chevy truck.

The New Market Area Volunteer Rescue Squad thanks you for your continued support. Anybody who would like to volunteer stop by and see us!

## HERITAGE DAYS PARADE

The annual Heritage Day's Parade will be held Saturday, August 23rd, 2008 at 1:00 pm. The theme of this year's parade is "If you want to drive it, walk it, drag it, ride it, carry it, play it, play on it, or watch it - We Want You in the Parade". The parade line up starts at 12:00 noon. To get into the line up please take Rt. 211 East, turn right on to Old Cross Road and proceed until you reach another parade entry. As New Market Heritage is a big part of the parade, think about period costumes (you choose the period), drive or pull an old tractor, decorate your golf cart or bicycle, drive your company vehicle with logo, appoint yourself Queen or King of anything, made up a sign and walk or ride the parade route; choose a non-existent office to run for and gather a dozen supporters and ask people to vote for you; come up with a unique idea and express yourself.

George Hirschmann, WHSV TV weatherman will be the grand marshal. With lots of great food, crafters, and over 200 classic cars (50 - 60 minimum in the parade) be there or be square. Sign up for the parade by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 740-3212 or Jim Douglas at 740-2740. Should you, on the night of August 22nd, have an epiphany, just show up at the parade and we will enter you.

Both food vendors and crafters are still needed. Call 740-3212 if you want to join in the fun.

## COHEE GARDEN CLUB NEWS - JUNE 2008

The Cohee Garden Club met in the lovely gazebo at the Apple Blossom Inn on Congress Street in New Market Monday on June 2nd, 2008 at 1:30. Betty Karol Wilson and Ruth Garretson provided refreshments. Several thank yous and regrets for the May Anniversary Tea were received and read, including regrets from President Bush and the National Garden Clubs President as well as thank yous from both the State and District Presidents of VFGC.

One topic of discussion was the need to invite members of the New Market Garden Club to join us in activities such as judging for the Yard of the Month and garden therapy at the senior center in Edinburg. These joint activities would be considered in the future decision on whether to merge the two clubs.

We also discussed the reason for scheduling two meetings this year in the evening. Many community members have expressed the desire to join a garden club but are unable as they work full time. Some members of the two current clubs could help set up a new club if there are enough people who attend these evening meetings that wish to participate.

Johan Guss presented a program on container gardening and actually planted two containers while explaining the process.

Members receiving ribbons for horticulture were Vivian Myers, Gloria Shelton and Louise Nairn. The Yard of the Month for June is the residence of Dolores Haynes at 9921 Massanutten Avenue.

**NEW MARKET TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING – July 1, 2008**

A special organizational meeting of the New Market Town Council was held July 1, 2008. Mayor Larry Smith told the Council that he wanted to keep the Council Committees structured the same as under the last administration. He appointed new council member, Harry Durrett, as chairman of the Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation Committee. It was decided that if a Committee has no agenda items, the committee will not hold a meeting.

Mr. John Blosser was reappointed Vice Mayor by unanimous vote. Mr. Blosser was also reappointed as the Council's representative to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Smith announced that he will be holding a Citizens' Forum once a month. This will provide an opportunity for the citizens of New Market to ask questions and air their concerns where the setting is informal.

Following the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee which met on June 30, 2008 for a called meeting, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Chris Boies as Town Manager. Mr. Boies will begin his service on August 4, 2008.

Having learned that State Code was amended several years ago prohibiting a Council Member from acting as Town Manager, the Council voted to remove John Blosser and appoint Mike Ritchie as the interim Town Manager.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE MAYOR  
AND TOWN COUNCIL**

Town officials often receive anonymous letters from citizens concerned with various issues. If you wish to inform a town official of a problem, please reveal your name and address so that they can respond and discuss the issue with you. Please be assured that confidentiality will be maintained.

**NEW MARKET'S 2008 FOURTH OF JULY  
PARADE WINNERS**

- Grand Prize:** Discoveryland Early Childhood Center
- Float:** 1st Place - New Market Rebels Baseball Team  
2nd Place - New Market Eagles
- Antique Vehicle:** 1st Place - 1958 Edsel  
2nd Place - 1936 Packard - Max Hepner
- Tractors:** 1st Place - Jake Martin
- Performing Group:** 1st Place - Glitterettes  
2nd Place - Burch Racing Cars
- Walking Group:** 1st Place - New Market American Legion Post 166  
Color Guard  
2nd Place - Marvin the Clown
- Civic Group:** 1st Place - New Market Lions Club  
2nd Place - New Market Cub Scouts Troop 151
- Rescue Squads:** 1st Place - Broadway  
2nd Place - Woodstock
- Fire Departments:** 1st Place - Mount Solon Fire Department  
2nd Place - Timberville Fire Department
- Best Theme:** 1st Place - Uncle Sam (Tom Linski)  
2nd Place - Uncle Sam (Sheila Jenkins)
- Commercial Entry:** 1st Place - Streett Trucking  
2nd Place - Adam Long

**14th ANNUAL FIRECRACKER  
5-MILER WINNERS  
by Age Group**

<b>FIRST PLACE OVERALL:</b>		
(MALE):	NATHAN HUFFMAN	29:57
(FEMALE):	CARMEN GREEN	32:06
<b>MASTERS:</b>		
(1st MALE - 40+):	KEVIN YODER	30:57
(1ST FEMALE - 40+):	LOIS GILLMAN	36:16
<b>AGE GROUP 17-UNDER</b>		
MALE:	1) AARON ZOOK	30:07
	2) JUSTIN ISNER	31:51
FEMALE:	1) TRACEY SWOPE	38:59
	2) AMY BETCHER	43:50
<b>AGE GROUP 18-24</b>		
MALE:	1) NATHAN HUFFMAN	29:57
	2) MATT BUSH	30:43
	3) STEVEN BLACK	32:26
FEMALE:	1) CARMEN GREEN	32:06
	2) ASHLEY LEHMAN	34:42
	3) MEGAN ROBERTS	35:07
<b>AGE GROUP 25-29</b>		
MALE:	1) DAVID RUDMIN	35:37
	2) N/A	
FEMALE:	1) ERIN OVERSTREET	39:58
	2) HEATHER RAYNER	49:30
<b>AGE GROUP 30-34</b>		
MALE:	1) CASEY BRYANT	32:12
	2) LARRY BULLOCK	32:40
FEMALE:	1) LYDIA DINARDO	44:30
	2) DEBORAH BALDEN	49:17
<b>AGE GROUP 35-39</b>		
MALE:	1) JACK MARMORSTEIN	30:51
	2) BRENT HILL	37:56
FEMALE:	1) JENNY HANFBROUGH	42:56
	2) ROBIN CHURCH	43:04
<b>AGE GROUP 40-44</b>		
MALE:	1) JOSEPH RUDMAN	32:39
	2) JEFF KIRACOFE	34:37
FEMALE:	1) LOIS GULLMAN	36:16
	2) TRACEY GRANDSTAFF	43:42
<b>AGE GROUP 45-49</b>		
MALE:	1) KEVIN YODER	30:57
	2) GRANT HALTERMAN	31:42
FEMALE:	1) SUSAN DENDINGER	42:41
	2) N/A	
<b>AGE GROUP 50-54</b>		
MALE:	1) MIKE LEHMAN	31:38
	2) ART STRUNK	40:15
FEMALE:	1) BUFFY OSTLUND	42:07
	2) ANIETA MCCRACKER	44:39
<b>AGE GROUP 55-59</b>		
MALE:	1) MALCOLM SENIOR	33:47
	2) MARLIN YODER	34:18
FEMALE:	1) VALETA MCDONALD	52:36
	2) CHRIS JETTER	53:35
<b>AGE GROUP 60-64</b>		
MALE:	1) JAMES FRYE	46:35
	2) RON GORE	48:22
FEMALE:	1) ANDI MINER	50:08
	2) N/A	
<b>AGE GROUP 70+</b>		
MALE:	1) MARVIN BUTERBAUGH	52:39

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## August 2008

- 1 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 4 Council Committee Meetings 6:30 pm  
In the following order: (1) Finance  
And Personnel (2) Public Works TO  
(3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic  
Development, and Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 4 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 5 National Night Out 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
At the Town Hall
- 7 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm  
At the Town Hall
- 8 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 9 Route 11 Yard Crawl
- 12 Mayor's Forum 7:00 pm  
At the Town Hall
- 15 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 25 Last Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills  
Before Disconnect**
- 29 Leaf and Grass Pickup

## September 2008

- 1 Town Office Closed in Observance  
Of Labor Day**
- 2 Council Committee Meetings 6:30 pm  
In the following order: (1) Finance  
& Personnel (2) Public Works TO  
(3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic  
Development, and Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 2 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 4 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 12 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 19 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 25 New Market Historical Society  
Meeting at the Town Hall 7:30 pm
- 25 Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills  
Before Disconnect**
- 26 Leaf and Grass Pickup

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### TOWN COUNCIL

Larry M. Smith, Mayor • John H. Blosser, Vice Mayor  
Ripley R. Click • Gary D. Comer • Harry Durrett • Troy Fadeley • Charles E. Litten  
Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

### ADMINISTRATION

Evan L. Vass ..... <i>Town Manager</i> Charles Peery ..... <i>Police Chief</i> Jeanne K. Rinker ..... <i>Town Clerk</i>	Chad Neese ..... <i>Town Planner/Zoning Administrator</i> Michael Ritchie ..... <i>Public Works Director</i> Teresa Green ..... <i>Treasurer</i>
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