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MAYOR'S CORNER

The holidays are over and we are in the throes of winter with cold weather, snow, ice, frozen pipes, etc... If you see any problems as you drive around town, please let us know as soon as possible, so the town maintenance staff can get on them before a problem develops. Although we all know our maintenance staff does a great job for us in all kinds of weather, the earlier they can address a potential problem the better off everyone will be.

The bids have been opened for Phase I of the Inflow and Infiltration project which is designed to repair old sewer lines by relining or replacing. The Council will vote this month on the firm that will be awarded the job and if all goes well, work should begin in February or March. We'll keep you posted.

Additionally, the design work is almost completed for the Wastewater Pump Station and Pipeline. There is still the complicated process of permits and financing but if things go as hoped for we will be on time with the completion of the project. Mike Ritchie, Director of Public Works, has done a terrific job spearheading this project and deserves our gratitude.

The Streetscape project is moving forward with the design and funding. Citizen input and support have been great and

a key to the success to date. Complete Streetscape construction drawings are expected in early 2010. We are continuing to work on an Economic Development Plan for the Town (another winter project) to insure that we are not just dressing up a street of empty store fronts. Don't forget your ideas for a Town Motto/Slogan are due in the Town office by 4:00 pm on Friday, January 16, 2009.

As you can tell, while you're hunkered down for the winter, your Town employees and elected officials are hard at work to make New Market the best community in the Valley. As I have said and written on many occasions and will continue to say and write, please remember, whenever possible, to shop, dine and purchase gas locally. We all know the economic picture is bleak and if we want our town to prosper we must be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. Leo Aikman, writer and editor wrote, "People who refuse to get involved in the problems of their community are like the two shipwrecked men in a lifeboat. From their end of the boat, the pair watched as those at the other end bailed frantically to keep the boat afloat. One said to the other, thank heaven, the hole is not in our end of the boat." I hope to see all of you at the next Mayor's Forum, Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

A Grand Opening celebration and dedication was held at the new New Market Library on December 12, 2008. Thanks to all who came and shared in the festivities! Patrons are now entering the Anna M. and Cathy E. Hildreth Library and reading and studying local history in the Grace E. Brubaker Room. Children find books in their special section named for Bessie Tusing who helped to found the library in the 1970's. The circulation desk was named for Elizabeth Soles, and the room with the breathtaking mountain view has been aptly named the Massanutten Room.

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Chris Richards of New Market was the winner of the beautiful House and Garden quilt donated by Mrs. Peggy Scaboo. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle. All proceeds went to the children's library.

We would also like to thank artist Janet Cardwell for her sketch of the new library which is featured on note cards and tote bags. These items are for sale at the library. Note cards sell for \$5.00 and tote bags for \$10.00. Proceeds will help us to continue to pay for our new building. If you wish to mail in a donation, the address is New Market Library, P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

Announcements:

- Current hours at the library are: Monday 11:00 am - 6:30 pm; Tuesday - Friday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Thursday evenings 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm; Saturday 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.
- The Book Club meets January 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm. January's read is The Accidental Tourist by Anne Tyler.
- Our first preschool story hour of the new year will be held Tuesday morning, January 20, 2009 at 10:00 am. In case of inclement weather it will be held the following week, January 27, 2009.

New Books

Best Selling Fiction:

Born to Run by James Grippando

Cruel Intent by J.A. Jance

Scarpetta by Patricia Cornwell

The Treasure by Iris Johansen

Show No Fear by Perri O'Shaughnessy

Black Ops by W.E.B. Griffin

Fire and Ice by Julie Garwood

Running Hot by Jayne Ann Krentz

The Independence of Miss Mary Benner
by Colleen McCullough

Young Adult:

The Tales of Beedle the Bard by J.K. Rowling

The 39 Clues, Book #2: One False Note by Gordon Korman

Dot in Larryland: The Big Book of an Odd Sized Friendship
by Patricia Marx

GARDEN CLUBS

COHEE GARDEN CLUB

The Cohee Garden Club held their annual Christmas Luncheon at Blessings Lodge at Camp Overlook on December 1, 2008. The service and food were marvelous. Members wrapped gifts for shut-ins to be distributed by the Edinburg Senior Center Meals on Wheels program. The wrappings were judged. First place went to Janet Cardwell, second place to Betty Carter and third to Ruth Garretson.

On December 9, 2008 Christmas decorations in New Market were judged by Jackie Emmart, Linda Caesar and Joan Cox of the Shenandoah Garden Club. Following the judging, Betty Carter hosted the members at her home for dessert.

The winners are:

Traditional Residence:

1st Place: Ann and Tom Brower, 9554 John Sevier

2nd Place: Victoria Branner, 207 Clicks Lane

Contemporary Residence:

1st Place: Jerry and Jacqueline Newland, 9931 Pleasant View

2nd Place: Ron and Ann Baptie, 9832 Woodbine Way

Business:

1st Place: Junior's Barber Shop, 9418 S. Congress Street

2nd Place: Wagon Wheel, 9445 S. Congress Street

Creative Lighting:

1st Place: Roy and Norma Foltz, 9881 Woodbine Way

2nd Place: Tina and Larry Roberts, 9494 S. Congress Street

Not To Be Missed:

1st Place: Nancy Smith, 9468 John Sevier

2nd Place: The Pocepowich's, 75 Mosby Lane

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The Christmas luncheon of the New Market Garden Club was held on December 9, 2008 in the New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall. This event was hosted by the Family and Community Education Club.

An entertaining musical program was presented by members of the Music Department of the Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Members of both clubs brought canned food for the Food Pantry and wrapped gifts of candy to be exchanged. The wrappings were judged for attractiveness with Patty Mathias and Shirley Stebbins taking top honors.

NEWS FROM THE NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New Market Area Chamber of Commerce wishes one and all a decidedly better new year, 2009, than the one most recently completed. We look forward to upcoming events such as the Chamber's Annual Banquet in March, as well as another celebration of New Market's history during the Re-enactment Battle on May 16th and 17th.

We are working again with The Valley Cruisers and planning for their participation in our Heritage Days event in August. Even though our 2008 event represented a significant shift in time frames, the Chamber finished the event successfully in the black. The event's success was due, for the most part, to the assistance of all of the central downtown businesses as well as the participation of many individuals during the event. The Chamber is extremely grateful and thankful for everyone's support.



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

**Taken from a May, 1912 issue of
The Shenandoah Valley newspaper**

Prof. John Phillip Sousa, the widely known band master arrived in our town at quarter of 10 o'clock this morning from Hot Springs en route to the Luray Caverns. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Helen Sousa, both traveling horseback. This is Prof. Sousa's fourth trip through our beautiful Valley, the last one having been made two years ago. It will be recalled that he returned last December to New York from a 60,000 mile tour around the world with his celebrated band. After taking dinner here at the Thaxton Hotel, Prof. and Miss Sousa and attendants left for Luray en route to New York which he expects to reach Sunday night preparatory to opening an engagement at Ocean Grove, New Jersey June 15th. (Note: The Publik House Restaurant is now located in the building that was the Thaxton Hotel).

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

Our fund raising 2008 letters have been mailed. The New Market Community Center is not owned by the Town of New Market but is a non-profit corporation operating under the IRS designation of 501 © (3). The Center is managed by a Board of Directors who serve on a volunteer basis. All contributions to the Center are tax-deductible. We depend on donations from the citizens of New Market and the surrounding area to supplement our rental fees. Rental fees alone do not generate enough income to operate the Center. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle Club meet at the Center on Friday nights beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

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 POLICE BLOTTER

During the month of November the Police Department responded to 446 calls for service. There were 13 physical arrests, 10 DUI's, 2 Intoxicated in Public and 1 Juvenile-Under Age Possession of Alcohol. Officers worked 7 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 39 mutual aid calls to other agencies. The Police Department made 139 traffic stops and issued 32 summonses for traffic violations.

The guest speaker for the Neighborhood Watch meeting was Wayne Billhimer who works for the Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries as a Game Warden. The January meeting of the Neighborhood Watch will be held on January 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall. This is the second Thursday of the month because the regular date falls on a holiday.

Hope everyone had a great holiday and please remember to "BUCKLE UP" - It's the law.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2009

- 1 Town Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day**
- 5 Council Committee Meetings 6:30 pm
In the following order: (1) Finance & Personnel (2) Public Works TO
(3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic Development & Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 5 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 8 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
At the Town Hall
- 15 Mayor's Forum 7:00 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 & 19 Town Office Closed in Observance of Lee-Jackson & Martin Luther King, Jr. Holidays**
- 20 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm

February 2009

- 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
- 5 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
At the Town Hall
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Town Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day**
- 17 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm

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