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MAYOR'S CORNER

"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism."

- Erma Bombeck

Sounds like Erma visited New Market's July 4th Lawn Party because it's by far the best 4th of July celebration in the Valley. Many thanks to **Harry Durrett** and **Duncan Kurtley** for co-chairing the 4th of July Committee, and to all the **volunteers and organizations** that help make it happen. Hope to see all of you in the park and at the parade on the 4th.

By the way, thanks so much to the **residents of Fairway Commons**, your new entryway sign looks great. It's the small things that make our town what it is and the actions of neighborhoods like Fairway Commons that make our town beautiful. If you haven't seen the sign, drive down Clicks Lane and take a look.

Another issue that has come to the forefront is the "Stray Cats of New Market". I would like to take a few lines to address the issue. The town Public Safety Committee voted to donate \$400 to the Humane Society to assist with the trapping, spaying and neutering of stray cats in New Market. Although some of you may not be thrilled with this donation, I for one am thankful the donation was approved by the committee. The folks from the Humane Society have been coming to town and assisting us with our stray cats for quite some time and doing a fantastic job at their expense. They are performing a great service to the town and one which we, the tax payers, would have a hard time duplicating. The total cost and manpower involved is simply out of our reach. There are quite a few of our kind citizens who also feed and shelter the cats and provide vet care along with spaying and neutering when needed with a goal of keeping the cats healthy. All of us realize we don't need more stray cats in town, but we all have to admit we do need to keep the ones we have fed and healthy. The alternative would be inhumane. The stray cats do provide a service by helping us keep the town rodent population in check. It is our choice - which would we rather have, a "cat population" or a "rat problem"? I vote for the cats. So my hat goes off to those folks with the Humane Society that are working to control our cat population and those residents that spend their own time and money to keep our town cats healthy and happy. Thanks for your continuing efforts and a job well done!!!

"People that hate cats, will come back as mice in their next life."

-Faith Resnick

The I&I project is finally completed and Cadet Road is smooth as glass. Just be careful, we are not used to it being that smooth and there is a tendency to get up a little too much speed. So... enjoy the newly paved road at 25 mph.

Yogi Berra, in his infinite wisdom stated, "Prediction is difficult, especially about the future." and "You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there." As I enter my third year as your Mayor, I won't make any predictions on the future, but I can assure you that the town knows where it's going and what it needs to do to get there. But we need you, the citizens, to stay involved and guide us. With your cooperation and our hard working town staff and council we will succeed in continuing to have the best town in the Valley.

As July and ball season continue, I'll see you at Rebel Park where the Mayor is always in.

Town of New Market 4th of July Celebration

Saturday, July 3rd, 2010

8:00 am-5 Mile Firecracker Race

Starting & Ending in the Park



8 am-11 am-Faithwalkers Relay for Life Team breakfast buffet at Manor Memorial United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, July 4th, 2010

Activities in the Park- Begin at 7:00 am

Community Center Yard Sale-7am

Lions Club Annual Auction-11am-2pm

Other Activities throughout the day:

Free Admission to the New Market Community Pool,
Open 11am-6pm

Pitch, hit & run contest (begins at 10:00am),

Pony Rides, face painting, Moon Bounce,

Bingo, Cake Wheel

4:00 pm- Parade down Congress Street

Carnival at South end of Park

(There will be a \$5 charge for Event parking on 7/4/10 only)

Live Entertainment from:

Walnut Ridge Boys 2-4 pm

Suspect 5-7 pm

Just for Fun 7-9 pm

National Anthem performed by Sara Jane Liers-9 pm

Great food All Day long-

Breakfast Trailer open at 6:30 am,

Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Cheese Burgers, BBQ Chicken,

Country Ham, French Fries, Snow Cones, Funnel Cakes,

FREE watermelon

FIREWORKS-9:00 PM



PLEASE, NO DOGS IN THE PARK OR IN CARS

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Programs are underway at the library! Come join the fun as it continues in July with more quality programs for children. It's not too late to sign up for the Kids' Reading Incentive program. Just stop in, sign up, get your log and start reading. Prizes are awarded for time spent reading.

The following programs are scheduled for Thursday mornings in July, all starting at 10:00 am:

- July 1** - Story teller, Linda Hartman will entertain with a Star Spangled, Patriotic program, celebrating America!
- July 8** - **READING WITH THE REBELS!** At Rebel Park, stories, activities, prizes, crafts, face painting, with players and coaches of the New Market Rebel baseball team.
- July 15** - Ms. Molly Frazier will lead children in discovering the Wonders of Water, an hour of educational fun.
- July 22** - "Something Fishy", stories and fishy fun with Mrs. Kristen Lute.
- July 29** - "Pirates! Danger on the High Seas!" Mrs. Melissa Dodge, teacher at W.W. Robinson, with swash buckling tales and activities.

In other library news, director Peg Harkness noted that the library has a growing DVD collection. The library accepts good quality DVD's to catalog for circulation. Many patrons are checking out a DVD for an evening's entertainment. Children's DVD's are also desirable. The library's next Book Sale event will be in August on the date of the Route 11 Yard Crawl (August 14). We are accepting books to sell. Please, no text books or encyclopedias.

New Books

The Spy by Clive Cussler
The Rule of Nine by Steve Martini
Cross Roads by Fern Michaels
The Lion by Nelson DeMille
Death Echo by Elizabeth Lowell
The Burning Wire by Jeffery Deaver
Whiplash by Catherine Coulter
Lowcountry Summer by Dorothea Benton Frank
Spies of the Balkans by Alan Furst
Frankenstein: Lost Souls by Dean Koontz
Ice Cold by Tess Gerritsen

That Perfect Someone by Johanna Lindsey
Sizzling Sixteen by Janet Evanovich
In My Father's House by E. Lynn Harris
Family Ties by Danielle Steel
The Devil Amongst the Lawyers by Sharyn McCrumb
Take Four by Karen Kingsbury
Broken by Karin Slaughter
In the Name of Honor by Richard North Patterson
Private by Richard Patterson

NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

We hope to see you at our auction on the 4th of July. Starting time is 11:00 am in the New Market Community Park. It's not too late to donate a useable item for the auction. Call 540-740-4257 for more information or to arrange for pickup of your item.

We conducted our semi-annual road cleanup on route 211 west to the county line and Academy Road.

Our new president, Gary Cunningham, will take office in ceremonies June 28th. We want to thank out-going President, Tom McNeilus, for his leadership over the past year.

Call our membership chairman at 540-740-3977 or club secretary at 540-740-4257 for membership information, meeting dates and locations. Visit the Lions International website at www.lionsclubs.org.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER

We have had slate pavers installed on the south portico at the Center. The old pavers had begun to deteriorate, resulting in safety concerns. The south entrance remains the handicapped accessible entry into the building. We thank all who support the Center; for without assistance from the Town, its residents and surrounding area, we would not be able to maintain and preserve this wonderful, historical facility.

Registration forms will be mailed next month for our upcoming Craft Show, which will be held October 23-24, 2010. Should you wish to participate in our Craft Show, please call Claudia Gray, 740-4257.

The RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on September 7; October 12; and November 30. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021. Ladies, call and schedule your mammogram and save yourself a trip to Harrisonburg.

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.

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.

Thank you for your continued support of your Community Center.

FREE CLOTHING!

The Seventh Day Adventist Church is offering free clothing for needy people at the SDA Community Services Center, 62 West Lee Hwy. The hours are Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Thursdays from 8:30 am until noon. Questions? Call 740- 8550.

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New Market Area Chamber of Commerce will be selling water, light up bracelets, and 50/50 raffle tickets at the July 4th celebration this year. Stop by our booth and support local businesses.

We are currently organizing our annual Heritage Days Festival. We welcome vendors and crafters to come out and join us October 23rd and 24th, 2010, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information about the event you may call the Chamber office at 540-740-3212.

If you haven't yet visited New Market's farmer's market, please do so. It is held each Saturday through October from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon at 197 East Lee Highway (Route 211 East - parking lot of Casual Friday). For more information call 540-740-3700. Remember to "Shop Local - Shop Smart!"

WATER/SEWER BILL RATE CHANGES

Effective, July 1st, 2010 Billing, water and sewer rates will increase by 5% each. There is no increase to trash fees. The new water and sewer rates will be as follows:

Monthly Water/Sewer Rates* Effective July 1, 2010 Billing Cycle

	WATER In-Town	SEWER In-Town
First 1700 Gallons (minimum charge)	\$7.60	\$22.96
Over 1700 Gallons	\$3.36/1000 Gallons	\$11.18/1000 Gallons
	Out-of-Town	Out-of-Town
First 1700 Gallons (minimum charge)	\$13.29	\$40.18
Over 1700 Gallons	\$5.87/1000 Gallons	\$19.56/1000 Gallons

*Rates are subject to change by order of the Town Council

Minimum Bill with Trash Pickup for In-Town Residents as of 7/1/2010: **\$39.56**

MAKE AND TAKE YOUR OWN RAIN BARREL

Conducted by Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River

Rain Barrel Workshop

September 8 (Wednesday) - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Town Park, Town of New Market, VA

\$39 for FNFSR members, \$49 non-member

In this workshop you will receive a recycled plastic barrel from Clean Virginia Waterways that you will use to build your own rain barrel. During the workshop you will drill holes, install the faucet and complete other tasks to allow a barrel to catch rainwater for use around your house. Tools and materials will be provided.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ART STUDIO POTTERY



Art Studio Pottery, located at 346 Endless Caverns Road, is a studio for resident potter Joan Corder as well as a gallery displaying works by Joan and other independent American potters. Currently the studio is showing functional work for everyday use in stoneware, porcelain, salt glazed and raku ware.

Joan has been involved in the arts for approximately forty years. A former New Jersey resident, she graduated from Rowan University and continued studies at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Joan has been a full time potter and gallery owner since 1989.

Come for a visit and bring your guest to watch pottery being made in the studio. You'll feel refreshed and renewed as you slow down to enjoy the rustic mountain log cabin setting and the amazing pottery work. July is an excellent time to view the studio's perennial gardens with an abundance of day lilies and water lilies in the koi pond.

Joan and husband Bob welcome visitors 9:00 am - 6:00 pm daily. Call for more information at 896-4400.

NEW MARKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

The New Market Fire Department will be having a carnival this year. It will be held July 1, 2, 3, & 4th in the park behind the fire department building. There will be rides, games, and lots of food. We hope to make this an annual event like it used to be years ago. The volunteers are looking forward to seeing the whole community come out for a ton of fun. The Town of New Market will be holding their annual 4th of July celebration as well on the 4th. The schedule of events is included in this publication.

The Fire Department would also like to keep the community posted on the investigation of our department. It is still ongoing. If you have questions or concerns regarding this please contact our president, Dale Dodson at 540-740-8904.

The fire company and rescue squad have set up committees to start taking a look at what needs to happen for our merger. All volunteers involved are looking at this as a huge asset for the community and the surrounding areas that we cover. This will only increase our volunteers and make us a bigger organization. Our leaders of both organizations have met with Shenandoah County Fire and Rescue and both are ready to work together as a whole on the paid staffing that already exists in the rescue squad. We look forward to the growth of both organizations as one in the near future.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer of either the fire department or the rescue squad, please feel free to contact the fire department at 540-740-8904 or the rescue squad at 540-740-8805.

NEW MARKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

May Police Blotter

During the month of May, the Police Department responded to 490 calls for service. Officers handled four motor vehicle crashes and made 8 physical arrests.

In May, the New Market Police Department participated in the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign. Officers issued 172 traffic citations. The citations were for various traffic violations such as speeding, no driver's license, expired registration, and expired state inspection. There were 15 citations issued for failure to wear seat belts and failure to secure child in child safety seat. After the campaign, a post seat belt survey was conducted and our seat belt usage rate is 92%. The state goal usage rate is 83%. THANK YOUR FOR BUCKLING UP!!!!

Crime Prevention tip: Please write down all serial numbers and expensive property that you may have in your residence. This could be firearms, electronic equipment, tools. Put this detailed list in a secure spot.

August 3, 2010 the NMPD will be participating in National Night Out again. It will be held at the New Market Town Office and starts at 6:00 pm. There will be free hotdogs and drinks. We will have the Fatal Vision goggles, information on seat belt safety, impaired driving. Please come out and meet the Officers.

Just a reminder that from July through December is "Checkpoint Strikeforce" campaign. Checkpoint Strikeforce is an impaired driving campaign. Please do not drink and drive.

Please Buckle Up!!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 2010

- 2 Leaf and grass pickup
- 3 Annual 5 mile Run at the Park 8:00 am
- 4 **July 4th Celebration at the Park**
- 5 **Town Office closed for July 4th holiday**
- 6 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel, 6:30 pm
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, To
Economic Development & Historic
Preservation 7:30 pm
- 6 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 9 Leaf and grass pickup
- 15 **Water/sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Leaf and grass pickup
- 19 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 Leaf and grass pickup
- 30 Leaf and grass pickup

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- 2 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3 National Night Out 6:00 pm
- 6 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 13 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 14 Route 11 Yard Crawl
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Town Council Meeting at the 7:30 pm
Town Hall
- 20 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 27 Leaf and Grass Pickup

Town of New Market

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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