

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June."

- Al Bernstein

It has been a glorious spring and June holds great promise. Spring saw the start of the long awaited Streetscape Project with improvements progressing well and scheduled to continue throughout June. Spring also saw the opening of the Farmers Market in the town parking lot. This bonus continues every Saturday until October and has been a great addition to the town. Spring also saw a loss at BB&T bank with the retirement of **Liz Gum**. Liz and BB&T seem to go hand in hand. She has always been a great supporter of the Chamber of Commerce and of the town in general. Liz, we wish you many happy days and our very best in your retirement. You'll be missed!

Finally, it's Rebel and Shocker baseball season! That glorious time of the year when we hear the shout of "play ball", eat hot dogs and enjoy the games. It doesn't matter if it's the Rebels or the Shockers, when you see the lights on at Rebel field, it's time to stop by and enjoy America's national pastime. Oh yes, June was made for baseball.

"Roses are red, Violets are blue; but they don't get around like the dandelions do." - Slim Acres

It seems like it has been a banner year for dandelions, *"they're everywhere, they're everywhere!!"* I hope you have yours under control. I understand the flowers make a great wine which has medicinal purposes and the greens can be a nice addition to summer salads. Although it would be a great sacrifice, I'm willing to donate all of ours - come to my yard and feel free to dig up as many as you want and be sure to take the roots. While my mind is on flowers I want to be sure and offer many thanks to the **FFA from Stonewall Jackson High School** for planting flowers around the town hall.

We also owe a big thanks to **BB&T Bank** for replacing the greenery around the gazebo at the town park. It is projects like these and the dedication of many that make our town a great place to live.

I recently had the privilege of representing the town at a ceremony to recognize and honor **Gordon Miller**, 7th and 8th grade teacher at the Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary School. Mr. Miller received a national award for excellence in teaching from the Alumni Awards Foundation that supports Seventh-day Adventist schools in North America. It was an honor to shake his hand and congratulate a person so dedicated to education and our youth.

"Go to the people. Learn from them. Live with them. Start with what they know. Build with what they have. It is said of the best of leaders when the job is done, when the task is accomplished, the people will say we have done it ourselves." - Lao Tzu, Chinese philosopher, on Leadership

I believe this is what we are trying to do in New Market with the town government. The council and the town staff make a continuous effort to listen to you, the citizens. All of us live among you, walk the same streets and shop in the same stores. We do our best to communicate and involve you in our town government, your government, and work with you to solve the town problems. Our goal is to provide an excellent quality of life for all the citizens in New Market. We don't always succeed, but we are not afraid to try. Please, get to know your town staff and town council. Give a wave to the workers mowing the park or fixing water lines and/or attend a Town Council meeting. When good things happen in town we truly want you to say, *we have done it ourselves*.

Have a great summer and I'll see you at Rebel Field where my office is always open!

POLICE BLOTTER

For the month of April 2011 there were 376 calls for service. During the month there were 5 physical arrests, 3 for possession of marijuana and 2 for possession of a Schedule 4 controlled substance. One person was charged for carrying a concealed weapon. The police officers responded to 28 mutual aid calls to other jurisdictions, worked 2 motor vehicle crashes, made 99 traffic stops and issued 40 summonses for various traffic violations.

Crime Prevention Tip:

It's time to plan your summer vacation or weekend outings. Remember to secure your home when you leave and have a trusted friend keep an eye on things while you are gone. If you have a mail

box, have them pick up the mail so there is some activity around your property. This will prevent the wrong people from realizing that you aren't at home and you can enjoy your vacation.

Safety Tip:

School will be out soon and many of the children will be outside playing. While you are driving, be on the lookout for them, because they too often do not remember to look out for you. Remember to "Buckle Up - It Saves Lives."

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on June 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

SMITH CREEK: A DESIGNATED "SHOWCASE WATERSHED"

An exciting opportunity for our Smith Creek watershed came about in June 2010 when it was designated by the US Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Conservation Service as one of three "showcase watersheds" in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The showcase initiative will harness the collective energies of federal, state, and local partners to help landowners and communities use the land in sustainable ways that do not harm water quality. The ultimate goal is to clean-up the water in Smith Creek so it can be removed from the state impaired waters list, which means families can then safely swim, fish, and wade in its waters.

Why Smith Creek?

Smith Creek offers a unique opportunity to demonstrate a variety of conservation practices and approaches. In recent years, numerous restoration and conservation activities have been undertaken by government agencies, private organizations, and property owners to address water quality in the watershed. Building upon and coordinating these efforts will help get even more people involved, serve as a test bed for innovation and research, and create a voluntary communitywide plan to improve water quality throughout the watershed.

For more information about the showcase initiative and its partners go to:

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/chesapeakebay/va_smith_creek.pdf
<http://www.shenandoahrcd.org/SmithCreekWatershed.htm>

What you can do to help?

In the May newsletter we talked about your "watershed address", which for folks who live in and around New Market is Smith Creek. There are many ways each of us can contribute to improving the quality of the water that flows across private property to the creek. This and upcoming articles will offer a variety of property owner "tips".

TIP #1 Rain Gardens:

A Beautiful Way to Help the Smith Creek Watershed

One increasingly popular technique to reduce the impact of storm water is the installation of a rain garden. So, what is a rain garden? It's a shallow depression vegetated with native grasses and plants. Storm water, which we've had a LOT of lately, runs off from downspouts and roofs on our homes and businesses, driveways and roads, and flows into the garden, where it can soak into the ground and filter through the soil. This filtering action greatly reduces the run-off of sediment and other pollutants directly into Smith Creek.

Rain gardens provide many benefits:

- Improving water quality in area streams - like Smith Creek.
- Helping to reduce ponding -- a big problem for drivers.
- Reducing rapid run-off that results in flooding.
- Boosting curb appeal and even increasing property values - they are attractive!
- Lowering landscaping maintenance - less mowing and native plants like to take care of themselves.
- Attracting native birds and butterflies - which we all enjoy observing.

You need not go far to find a wonderful example of rain gardens. New Market's new library installed two - and they not only look pretty, they're doing a great job of reducing storm water runoff. Go take a look and consider installing a rain garden in your own yard.

Here are several great websites for helpful information:

<http://www.rainscaping.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/home.showpage/pageID/5/index.htm>
<http://www.rainscaping.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/home.showpage/pageID/5/index.htm>

This is the second in a series of articles about our watershed - Smith Creek. For more information about what you can do to improve water quality impacts from your property contact Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah:

<http://www.fnfsr.org/>

or contact Faye Cooper at

faye.cooper@dcr.virginia.gov phone: 540-414-5495.

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer is almost here, school will be out soon and its time to gear up for fun summer programs at the library! Each week will feature an "AMAZING TALE" shared by performers, story tellers or local educators. Children will have the opportunity to receive reading logs to keep track of summer reading with prizes to be awarded.

June 23rd - A special musical summer kick off at the library at 1:00 pm!

Performers "Kim and Jimbo" will present a musical tour of Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia. Join the fun as the audience is invited to play along with an Irish jig, a Mexican waltz, an East European frilach and West African dance rhythms. The program includes a traveling museum of instruments from around the world.

June 30th - A Fiesta of Stories from Mexico - Come share in stories, art and fun from south of the border. Our guest presenter will be local teacher, Maggie Woodley.

July 7th - Stories of the Pioneers - professional story teller, Linda Hartman will entertain children of all ages with stories and songs of days gone by.

July 14th - Reading With the Rebels! - Meet at Rebel Park, 10 am for this annual event featuring our own Rebel baseball players and coaches reading with the children. Crafts, face painting, games, snacks and more are all part of the fun!

July 21st - to be announced

July 28th - A Story Safari - Travel to Africa during this program of tales and crafts presented by Joann Thompson.

August 4th - The finale - with the **Fischer Sundae Puppet's** program, "A Crazy Quilt" Amazing Tales from Around the World.

New Best Selling Fiction:

James Patterson, [10th Anniversary](#)

Robert B. Parker, [Sixkill](#)

Geraldine Brooks, [Caleb's Crossing](#)

Richard N. Patterson, [The Devil's Light](#)

John Sandford, [Buried Prey](#)

Dale Brown, [A Time for Patriots](#)

Lawrence Sanders, [A Drop of the Hard Stuff](#)

Steve Berry, [The Jefferson Key](#)

Jeff Shaara, [The Final Storm](#)

Ursula Hegi, [Children and Fire](#)

Andrea Kane, [The Girl Who Disappeared Twice](#)

Steve Martini, [Trader of Secrets](#)

THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

The 4th of July will be here before we know it. That means we will be holding our annual auction in the New Market Community Park at 11:00 am that day as part of the town's celebration. If you would like to donate an item to auction, please call 540-740-4257 to arrange for pickup or delivery. You can also bring your item to the park by 10:00 am on auction day.

We will have a booth at the Farmers Market on July 30th. We hope you patronize the market and stop by our booth. We will be collecting eyeglasses, selling brooms, passing out literature on sight and hearing, plus general information about Lions International.

If you would like more information on our club's activities or are interested in becoming a member, please call our membership chairman at 540-740-3754 or club secretary at 540-740-4257. You can also visit the Lions International website at www.lionsclubs.org or read about Lions activities around the world in the *LION Magazine* at the New Market Library.

Personality can open doors, but only character can keep them open.

-Reminisce Magazine

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce welcomes two new businesses here in town. Simple Thymes is located at 9471 Congress St. and The Valley Wine Cellar is located at 277 West Old Cross Road. Be sure to pay them a visit. Remember, shopping locally saves you money and helps our town.

We are currently in the process of accepting membership applications for the 2011 year. We are also starting to accept vendor applications for our Annual Heritage Days Festival to be held October 22 & 23, 2011. For more information on either of these events please call the Chamber office at 540-740-3212, email nmchambr@shentel.net, or visit our website at www.newmarketcoc.net.

NEW MARKET FIRE & RESCUE

The merged New Market Fire and Rescue Company continues to run smoothly after six successful months of operation. Volunteers, county operations employees, and the community have played a pivotal role in the accomplishments achieved and goals reached during this transition. President John Blosser, Chief Robby Smith, and Captain Teresa Shifflett in particular have helped ensure a smooth transition without hindering the efficiency of the Fire and Rescue units.

We, like many non profit service organizations, are not immune to the economic hardships facing our nation. With our annual fund drive less than a month away, we need your monetary support to maintain the high standards set by the New Market Fire and Rescue. We ensure that we will evaluate the best use for all contributions to maximize the public safety benefits to the greater New Market community. We thank you for your past and continued support.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Center will sponsor a yard sale at the Community Park on July 4th. The yard sale will be located on the grass "outside" the tennis courts making for easier unloading of items. The cost will be \$10 for two tables. No pre-registration is required. Fees will be collected at 8:00 am on the 4th. Hours will be from 7:00 am until ?. For further information, please call Claudia Gray at 540-740-4257. All proceeds benefit the Community Center.

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

Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle Club and their "picking sessions" will return to the Center the first Friday night in October.

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 June 27, September 12, October 17 and December 1, 2011. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021 to schedule your appointment.

Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evening 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. Call for rental prices.

JULY 2011 SHOCKER BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Home Games in Bold Print
The schedule through June 30th appeared in the
May edition of "Our Town"

July

1 Broadway Bruins at New Market	14 New Market at Stuarts Draft
2 New Market at Bridgewater Reds	Diamond Backs
3 Elkton Blue Sox at New Market	17 New Market at Clover Hill Bucks
5 New Market at Elkton Blue Sox	20 Montezuma Braves at New Market
10 Bridgewater Reds at New Market	21 Bridgewater Reds at New Market
12 Clover Hill Bucks at New Market	23 Elkton Blue Sox at New Market

NEW MARKET REBELS PROMO NIGHTS JUNE 2011

Birthday babies receive free admission all season! – If your birthday falls on the same date as any game at Rebel Park, you will receive free admission with a valid ID. Come celebrate your special day with the New Market Rebels!

June 5th--Senior Citizen Night vs Woodstock. Anyone 55 or older who participates in the activities offered by the Shenandoah County Parks and Recreation Department gets in for \$1.00.

June 14th--Full Moon Night vs. Staunton (June 17th rain date). Moonlight madness will ensue, and some lucky fan will win a framed copy of "The Moon, The Mountain, and Mo," autographed by The Legend of the Valley, Mo Weber.

June 19th--June Bride Night vs. Winchester. Is there a more romantic ballpark than Rebel Park? We'll be honoring one lucky married couple, and married folk can renew their vows en masse during the 7th-inning stretch. Wedding cake for everyone after the game!

June 23rd--Mo Weber Birthday Night vs. Front Royal. Come celebrate former coach Mo Weber's 88th birthday! Anyone born on June 23rd or June 24th (Mo's actual birthday) will receive free admission, as will anyone 88 years of age or older, as will anyone born in 1988!! (Valid ID required.) Birthday cake for everyone after the game.

June 26th--School's Out vs. Harrisonburg. Kids get \$1.00 off their admission for every A on their report card, up to the price of admission (\$5.00). Straight-A and perfect-attendance students will be recognized.

NEW MARKET REBELS SCHEDULE JULY 2011

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May edition of "Our Town" newsletter.

All home games played at Rebel Park at 7:30 pm

July 2011

1 @ Woodstock	11 Mid-Atlantic Classic	20 @ Front Royal
2 Covington	@ Harrisonburg	22 Luray
3 @ Harrisonburg	13 @ Luray	23 @ Harrisonburg
6 @ Rockbridge	14 Harrisonburg	24 @ Woodstock
7 @ Staunton	15 @ Winchester	25 @ Luray
8 Waynesboro	16 @ Woodstock	26 Harrisonburg
9 Strasburg	17 Winchester	27 Woodstock
10 VBL All-Star Game	19 Haymarket	
@ Haymarket		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 2011

- 2 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
At the Town Hall
- 3 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 5 **Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes Due**
- 6 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel, 6:30 pm
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism,
Economic Development, & Historic Preservation
- 6 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 10 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 20 Town Council Meeting at the Town Hall 7:30 pm
- 24 Leaf & Grass Pickup

July 2011

- 1 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 4 **Independence Day Celebration
In the park**
- 4 **Town Office Closed for
Independence Day**
- 5 Council Committee Meetings in the 6:30 pm
following order: Finance & Personnel
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism,
Economic Development & Historic Preservation
- 5 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 8 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 15 **Leaf & Grass Pickup**
- 18 Town Council Meeting at the Town Hall 7:30 pm
- 22 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 28 New Market Historical Society Annual
Picnic at Twist-of Fate Farm
- 29 Leaf and Grass Pickup

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