

OUR TOWN

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Happy St. Patrick's Day!! Have a good time and remember to celebrate responsibly. We have been overwhelmed by the voting turnout for the Motto/Slogan contest. The response was terrific and just demonstrates how the citizens of New Market care about their town and want to be involved. The winning entry is:

**New Market, VA
Where History and Hospitality Meet**

Turned in by: Janet D. Ware

Congratulations Janet! Now we have to decide how to use the new Motto. We are thinking about putting it on the town stationary when we reorder, and of course on the Town website. There have been those who have concerns about the cost of adding it to town signs, flyers, etc... Please know that wherever we use the motto or whatever we use it on, it will be integrated in a way that there will be no additional cost over and above the normal cost of repairing or replacing the item on which it will appear. If you have ideas, let us know. Hopefully some of the Town businesses will begin to use it on their marketing material. We will also pass our motto on to the County Office of Tourism to use on any material they produce about New Market.

Chris Boies, along with his staff have been working on the 2009/2010 budget and are doing a great job in these tough times. Although you can rest assured your Town Council and Finance and Personnel Committee are committed to providing the citizens of New Market with the best services in as economically efficient a manner as possible, I urge you all to get involved in the public hearings concerning the budget. We want your input to make sure we are addressing your concerns and answering your needs.

We should know anytime when the I&I project will begin. Keep your eyes glued to the website for announcements. Hope to see you at the next Mayor's Forum on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES WITH A BALLGAME!

Spring will soon arrive and there is no better way to celebrate than by taking in a baseball game. On Sunday, March 1st, 2009 the New Market Rebels will play host to exciting collegiate action at Rebel Park when Division III schools, the University of Pittsburgh Bradford and Lincoln College will face each other in a doubleheader beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Admission is FREE and the Rebels' concession stand will be open throughout the afternoon.

For directions to Rebel Park, visit the Rebels website at www.rebelsbaseball.biz

POOL STAFF NEEDED

The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2009 season. Positions include lifeguards and pool manager(s). Lifeguards must currently have, or be able to obtain prior to the season, a Red Cross certification. Interested candidates must be willing to work flexible hours.

We are also looking for a pool manager(s). Candidates should also possess a Red Cross certification and have prior experience as a lifeguard.

Applications for employment are available on the Town's website www.newmarketvirginia.com/employment or at the Town Office, 9418 John Sevier Road.

This is a great opportunity for summer employment and a way to make some extra cash. The Pool opens May 23, 2009. Applications are due no later than Friday, April 3, 2009.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

The following is a portion of an article published in The Shenandoah Valley newspaper in May of 1946. The New Market Hotel was located on the lot between what is now Jalisco's and the Henkel House (formerly New Market Library). The building was razed sometime during the 1960's.

New Market Hotel Re-Opens Monday

The New Market Hotel opened to the public Monday under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Roark of this place. This hotel, formerly owned and operated by Mr. R.D. Grabill was sold several years ago to Mr. H.B. Long, local real estate agent, who in turn sold the property to Major Terrell Brazelton who owns the Lee-Jackson Hotel, another New Market hostelry.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Roark have rented the New Market Hotel from Major Brazelton and will personally supervise its operation. Mr. O'Roark states that there are a total of 18 large rooms open at this time. He has opened the lobby which has been made attractive and states that he plans new improvements from time to time. Connected with the hotel is an 8 car garage which will be available to guests of the hotel.

LIBRARY NEWS

Since opening the new library last November the New Market Library has been very busy. Our circulation and computer use have doubled. We are thrilled to see so many families with children coming in to use the library for the first time. Retirees, middle agers and teenagers alike are checking out books, using on-line sources, reading newspapers and magazines or studying local or family histories.

Many patrons are surprised to learn that the library is maintained by an **All Volunteer Staff**. The library is self supporting and has a large construction debt. We need your financial assistance. Your town library will put donations of any size to good use. Contributions can be mailed to the New Market Library at P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

Are you an individual who enjoys working with children and who has the ability to lead a children's story hour? We are looking for volunteers to help expand our services to children throughout the year. For this summer's program theme, "Be Creative at Your Library", we are looking for folks to share drama, painting, music, sculpture, or any of the arts with children. Call Becky Kipps at 740-8796 about these volunteer opportunities.

New Books For March:

Young Adult

2009 Guinness World Records - Gamer's Edition

The Best of the Spirit by Will Eisner

On My Journey Now by Nikki Giovanni

3 Willows by Ann Brashers

Adult Fiction

Run For Your Life by James Patterson

True Colors by Kristin Hannah

Very Valentine by Adriana Trigiani

Lethal Legacy by Linda Fairstein

Heart And Soul by Maeve Binchy

The Second Opinion by Michael Palmer

While My Sister Sleeps by Barbara Delinsky

Aunt Dimity Slays the Dragon by Nancy Atherton

Above the Law by Tim Green

Death of a Witch by M.C. Beaton

Night and Day by Robert B. Parker

One Day at a Time by Danielle Steel

Promises in Death by J.D. Rob



NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

We, along with most everyone, are looking forward to warm weather and the activities associated with it. Plans are already underway for our participation in New Market's 4th of July celebration. The Lions Club will again be holding its annual auction in the Community Park that day. This is one of our major fund raisers which allows us to continue our activities and contributions to the community. In January of this year, the club made contributions totaling \$2,500. \$1,700 of that total went to local organizations and activities.

Would you like to become a Lion? Lions clubs in 205 countries and geographic areas conduct vision and health screenings, build parks, support eye hospitals, award scholarships, assist youth, provide help in time of disaster and much more. Join us. Visit the Lions Clubs International web site at www.lionsclubs.org, or call our membership chairman, Lion Ralph Perkins (540-740-2690) or club secretary Gordy Farrey (540-740-4257) for more information.



GARDEN CLUBS

COHEE GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cohee Garden Club met at Betty Carter's home on February 2, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. All members were present, as the Betty Carter 'light lunch' is one of the highlights of the year. Ruth Garretson presented a program on 'Mr. Jefferson's Plants', having members name some of the photos of veggies, flowers and trees grown by Thomas Jefferson and explaining some of the horticultural history of Monticello.

During the business meeting, the March meeting and April luncheon were discussed as well as plans for the upcoming year. There were sign up sheets for hostesses, committees and programs.

The March 2nd meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the New Market Community Center. Gail Rose, who writes Gail's Garden in the Bryce Mountain Courier, will present a program on Organic Gardening. All who are interested in learning more about this subject and hearing an interesting speaker are invited to join us.

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club held its monthly meeting on February 16, 2009 in the New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Ingrid Flowers and Janice White.

A very informative and entertaining program on "Birding" was presented by Bill Strickland, a former principal of Shenandoah Valley Academy. He led the group in discussion of identifying birds in our area and how to attract them.

Ingrid Flowers and Virginia Thompson received blue ribbons for their potted plants.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2009

The New Market Town Council met on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:30 pm. All members were present.

A public hearing took place to receive citizens' comments on proposed Ordinance #66 which increases the water and sewer connection fees over a two year period. Two citizens offered brief comments.

The Council took the following actions on agenda items:

- Voted to amend the Personnel Manual by removing references to the Family Medical Leave Act. Town Attorney Jason Ham recently determined that the Town never was subject to the Act.
- Approved the adoption of Ordinance #66 which increases water and sewer connection fees. The in-town connection fees will increase on July 1, 2009 to \$4,500 for water and \$6,000 for sewer. On July 1, 2010 the water connection fees will go to \$6,000 and the sewer to \$9,000. The roll call vote resulted in 3 ayes and 3 nays with Mr. Litten, Mr. Durrett, and Mr. Click casting the dissenting votes. Mayor Smith broke the tie with a "yes" vote. The out-of-town water and sewer connection fees will increase by the same amount.
- Unanimously approved the Capital Improvements Plan. The CIP outlines the multi-year scheduling of public physical improvements and related costs to help guide the locality's decisions on how to allocate available funds over a 5-year period. The CIP does not obligate the Town Council to fund any of the items contained in the plan.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Well, it's time to start our famous Chicken BBQ made by Bob Branner and crew on the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning March 14, 2009. We will also be having a buffet breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 7:00 - 9:30 am at the American Legion for all who would like to come.

Our steak suppers are held the 2nd Friday of each month. Call Trish Driver at 740-3032 by the 2nd Wednesday to reserve your steaks. The 3rd Friday of each month features our shrimp supper. Preordering is not necessary. These suppers are open to the public.

We will be having a Spring Crafts Show the first week-end of April. Inside space is reserved for crafters only. Outside space will be designated for yard sale vendors. For more information call Tom Wilkins at 740-4189.

The Legion will be having an 8 Ball Pool Tournament on Friday, March, 27, Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29, 2009. There is a limit of 32 players and the entry fee is \$10.00. The double elimination tournament is open to everyone. Interested persons may call Donnie Bynaker at 740-4350.

We still have the box at the top of the Legion parking lot for all those tattered flags to be disposed of with dignity and respect.

Anyone interested in joining the Legion may call Charlie White at 740-3437. Those interested in joining the Sons of Legion should call Tom Wilkins at 740-4189. Ladies interested in joining the Auxiliary may call Trish Driver at 740-3032.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

Please don't forget to mail your donation to the Center. If requested, we will be glad to send you a receipt for your taxes. To all who have sent contributions, thank you. We appreciate your continuing interest in maintaining the Center.

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.

The New Market Community Center 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. Free admission. The public is invited to join the Club for a night of bluegrass music.

NEW MARKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Come celebrate "Springing" into a new beginning with the New Market Fire Department.

April 3, 2009

Steak Dinner and Dance

\$25.00 Couple

\$15.00 Single

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Dinner starts at 6:30 pm

Dance - 8:00 pm till 12:00 midnight

For more information please call the New Market Fire Department at 740-8904 or call Fonda at 740-8033.

This will be a NON-SMOKING event and BYOB.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 2009

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| 2 | Council Committee Meetings
In the following order (1) Finance &
Personnel (2) Public Works
(3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic
Development, & Historic Preservation | 6:30 pm

TO

7:30 pm |
| 5 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting
At the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills Due | |
| 16 | Town Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 19 | Mayor's Forum at the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 26 | New Market Historical Society
Meeting at the Town Hall | 7:30 pm |

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7:30 pm |
| 11 | Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Park | 10:00 am |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills Due | |
| 20 | Town Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 20 - 24 | Heavy Trash Pickup | |

Town of New Market
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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TOWN COUNCIL

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

ADMINISTRATION

Chris Boies <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> Donna Lohr <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
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