

# OUR TOWN

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

*"Ah! My heart is weary waiting, waiting for the May: Waiting for the pleasant rambles where the fragrant hawthorn brambles, where the woodbine alternating, scent the dewy way; Ah! My heart is weary, waiting, waiting for the May."*

~ By Denis Florence McCarthy, on May

The month of May is finally here, after a long winter. It's nice to be able to shovel dirt in the garden rather than shovel snow out of the driveway. It's also nice to see our citizens out working in their yards, planting flowers, mowing, and in general making our town look great. Thanks to all of you for your own little "Make New Market Beautiful" committees. Your hard work does not go unnoticed!!

The month of May also means that Rebel baseball season will soon be here. You can visit their website at [www.rebelsbaseball.biz](http://www.rebelsbaseball.biz) to view and download the 2010 season schedule. You can also call Bruce Alger, President and General Manager of the Rebels (540-740-4247), for season ticket information. If you haven't had the opportunity to read the book "Safe at Home - A Season in the Valley" by Austin Gisriel, I suggest it as a great read and good start to the 2010 season. The book takes you through the Rebels 2009 season and gives you an insight to our "hometown" team. You can find copies on sale throughout the town or give me a call (540-740-4157) if you have difficulty locating it. For those of you with Little Leaguers don't forget to check into the Rebel Baseball Camp. It's sure to be a winner with Coach Paluga at the helm.

This year the reenactment of the Battle of New Market is on Sat. and Sun. May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The Women's Memorial Society will be commemorating the battle with their annual wreath laying on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the St. Matthew's Cemetery, located behind Reformation Lutheran Church. This is always a moving ceremony and one not to be missed. There will be battles reenacted at the Battlefield Park both days, and as usual they will be very authentic. Spectators will have an opportunity to visit the camps where the soldiers are always willing to share their experiences and give us a good dose of history in the process. A real plus is that the entrance to the

Battlefield, which opens at 10:00 am both days, is **free to New Market residents** (be sure to bring I.D. with your address). You can't ask for anything better.

Now is a great time to get your season passes for the Town swimming pool which is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. This year the season pass is \$45 for ages 6 - 11 and \$50 for ages 12 and over. The daily cost for entrance will be \$2.50 for ages 6 - 11 and \$3.00 for ages 12 and over. Children 5 and under get in free with a paying adult. The pool is a great place to spend those lazy days of summer, so get your passes now and be sure to review the pool safety rules with your children and grandchildren. Even though there are life guards on duty, it is up to the parents to ensure their children are aware of the rules, and to assist in the enforcement of the rules so accidents and injuries can be prevented.

While thinking of safety for our children and with summer around the corner it is a good time for all of us to think about supervision for our children. It's up to parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors to keep an eye on all of the town's children. Grandparents especially, if your grandchildren are visiting, let your friends and neighbors know. Due to traffic and parked cars, Congress Street can be a dangerous place for children. Drivers, please slow down and look for children. Parents, Grandparents and caretakers, please don't let younger children go to the town park unsupervised. Teenagers, when enjoying the park with your friends, stay alert for younger children who appear to be unsupervised. If you see them stray from the group they are with notify the adult in charge. New Market is one of the safest towns in the valley and the Town police are doing a great job of keeping it that way, but we all need to do our part to help. We don't need to be vigilantes but we do need to be good neighbors.

I hope all is well with the citizens of the town. I'll be holding my office hours at Rebel Field during the home games for the months of June and July and at their opponent's home fields during their away games for the same months. Hope to see all of you there!!

## REQUEST FOR HELP FOR FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Town of New Market is in the process of planning the Fourth of July celebration. Given the state of the economy, this year's event is especially important in providing families with free entertainment and enjoyment. The Town relies on private donations to assist in providing many of the Fourth of July activities including the firework's display and the live music.

As always, this year's event will provide local civic organizations the opportunity to earn money for their organization while providing food and activities for friends and family. The activities include a yard sale, dunking booth, moon bounce, bingo, and an auction. We will once again have a parade and fireworks.



We need your assistance in funding these activities. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the Town of New Market. Please let us know if you would like your name or business name to appear on the July 4<sup>th</sup> flyer, by June 5<sup>th</sup> for printing purposes. You can mail payment to: P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844 or you can drop payment at the Town Office either at the front counter during regular business hours or in the drop box after hours.

We are also looking for volunteers if you are interested. This is a community celebration and your help will help ensure another successful year.

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to celebrating this Fourth of July with you.

## NEW MARKET LIGHTNING SWIM TEAM

Registration for the New Market Lightning Swim Team will be held at the New Market Town Office from 4:30pm - 7:30pm on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

For questions or information call 740-8568.

Practices will begin June 1, 2010 at 4:30pm.

Come out and be a part of this exciting and healthy way to enjoy your summer!



## LIBRARY NEWS

We are happy to announce that the choir from the Shenandoah Valley Academy, under the direction of Melissa Anderson, will perform a spring concert at the Library Sunday afternoon, May 16, 2010 at 4:00 pm. You won't want to miss hearing these talented young voices raised in the Massanutten Room at the New Market library.

Thanks to all who shopped the Spring Book Sale! The library made over \$800 at that event. If you missed the sale, you can still browse our continuous book sale located on the shelves at the rear of the library.

### New Books at the Library:

Exclusive by Fern Michaels  
Deliver Us From Evil by David Baldacci  
Faster Pastor by Sharyn McCrumb  
The Double Comfort Safari Club  
by Alexander McCall Smith  
Laughed 'Til He Died by Carolyn Hart  
A River in the Sky by Elizabeth Peters  
Nowhere to Run by C.J. Box  
Holly Blues by Susan Wittig Albert  
Cat of the Century by Rita Mae Brown  
The Aloha Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini  
Miss Julia Renews Her Vows  
by Ann B. Ross  
The Black Cat by Martha Grimes  
The Walk by Richard Paul Evans

The Telling by Beverly Lewis  
The Shadow of Your Smile  
by Mary Higgins Clark  
Every Last One by Anna Quindlen  
Shameless by Karen Robards  
Eight Days to Live by Iris Johansen  
Burning Lamp by Amanda Quick  
Lucid Intervals by Stuart Woods  
This Body of Death by Elizabeth George  
The 9th Judgment by James Patterson  
The God of the Hive by Laurie King  
Island Beneath the Sea  
by Isabel Allende  
Hannah's List by Debbie Macomber  
Blockade Billy by Stephen King

## NEW MARKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

### May Police Blotter

During the month of March the Police Department responded to 455 calls for service. There were 5 physical arrests, 1 DUI, 2 Intoxicated in Public, 1 assault and the other two arrests were for the incident at the BB&T Bank with the ATM Machine. Officers worked 3 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 30 Mutual Aid calls to other agencies. The Police Department made 231 Traffic Stops, and issued 74 summonses for traffic violations.

The next New Market Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on June 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the New Market Town Office.

Crime Prevention tip: Making your home unappealing to any burglar. For example, by doing a few simple things such as keeping exterior lights on at night, making sure there aren't tall bushes that someone can hide behind, keeping all of your doors locked and installing safety windows, you can turn your house from a target into something a predator will not want to even attempt breaking into.



Just a reminder that May is "Click It or Ticket" month and the Police Department will be conducting extra checkpoints and roving patrols during this event, so please remember to "Buckle up".

Please contact the New Market Police Department at 540-740-3776 to have your car seat checked by a National Certified Child Safety Seat Technician.

## NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the New Market Historical Society will be on Thursday May 27, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building. The program will be about WW II prisoners of war in the Shenandoah Valley. Guest speaker will be Greg Owen, Harrisonburg author and historian who has spent thousands of hours investigating the story of WWII prisoners here. The evening's program will also include a presentation by Dick Blackwell, a pastor and owner of Blackwell Engineering in Harrisonburg, VA. He will share stories from his interviews with local WWII veterans. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Fire Chief Matt Hughes reported the following calls for the month of March in Shenandoah County:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • 6 Outside fires         | • 7 Motor Vehicle crashes       |
| • 2 Structure fires       | • 4 Public service              |
| • 1 Vehicle fire          | • 1 Animal rescue               |
| • 3 Automatic fire alarms | • 1 Injured person (E.M.S.)     |
| • 1 Smoke investigation   | • 1 General illness (E.M.S.)    |
| • 1 Outside Hazmat        | • 1 Cardiac emergency (E. M.S.) |

There were 4 calls in Rockingham County for the month of March:

- 2 Fill Quarters (standby)
- 1 Motor Vehicle crash
- 1 Difficulty breathing (E.M.S.)

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> Camp 8 from Linville came in and helped with our spring cleaning. There were 5 groups of guys that participated in all different areas. They helped clean the inside of the building, the engine bay and around the outside of the building where weeds were pulled and old shrubs removed. They also cleaned the Rescue Squad's food trailer in preparation for the Battle of New Market celebration. Food was provided for them throughout the day. These guys worked really hard and a huge "Thank You" goes out to them. We would also like to thank Stephanie Seekford for arranging the work day and all her help while they were here.

On April 15<sup>th</sup> Jamie Bowman and Matt Hughes took an Engine to Stonewall for an event set up for children in the area. They read stories to the kids and passed out goodie bags. This is something the Fire Department enjoys doing. We look at these kids as our future. If anyone would like to stop by with their children we would be more than happy to show them around the station and allow them to sit in the fire trucks. Just contact the firehouse at 740-8904 before coming to make sure someone will be there.

Our Saturday night Bingo games have been very successful lately. The crowd keeps increasing and we are grateful for that. The more people we have at Bingo the easier it is to pay the monthly bills. We appreciate all the people that come out for Bingo.

## THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Community Center will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Yard Sale at the New Market Park on Sunday, July 4, 2010, beginning at 7:00 am with set-up for vendors at 5:30 am. No pre-registration is required; just bring your tables to the tennis court that morning. Spaces will be \$10.00 each - no farm wagons, please.

The RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on June 22, September 7, October 12, and November 30. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021 to schedule your mammogram and save yourself a trip to Harrisonburg.

For rentals at the Center, please contact **Claudia Gray at 540-740-4257**. Thank you for your continued support of your Community Center.

## BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2010-11 fiscal year budget on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall. The operating budget remains largely unchanged from the current budget. On the capital side of the budget, funds are included for Phase I of the Downtown Streetscape project. 80% of this project is being funded through grants received by the Town. Funds are also included in the budget to complete the North Fork Pump Station & Force Main project, which will allow the transfer of our wastewater to the Broadway Regional Plant for treatment. 100% of the construction costs from this project are being paid through federal Stimulus funds.

The proposed budget includes no tax increases and the real estate tax rate is proposed to drop from 13 cents to 12 cents because of the recent property reassessment. Water and sewer rates are proposed to increase 5% each. These increases would have been dramatically higher had we not joined with Broadway for wastewater treatment and had we not received the federal Stimulus dollars. The entire budget is on the Town website at [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com). Citizens are encouraged to attend the budget hearing on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## NEW MARKET SHOCKERS YARD SALE

The New Market Shockers baseball team will be holding a Community Yard Sale at Rebel Park on May 15, 2010 from 7:00 am - until. Rental spaces are available for \$10.00. To rent a space, or for more information you may call Lisa Jones-Hart at 540-896-7402.

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## NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Blue Ridge Parkway is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and hosted a 9 day Familiarization (FAM) Tour spanning from Tennessee up to the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Shenandoah County Tourism had the opportunity to host them on Saturday, April 17, 2010. They toured the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park in addition to Rt. 11 Potato Chips, Shenandoah Caverns and American Celebration on Parade. They ended their day of activities with an incredible zipline experience at Bryce Resort followed by a gourmet meal served by Bryce Resort staff. Allen Lefever (owner) and Billie Jo Carter (General Manager) hosted the group at the Hampton Inn & Suites on Saturday.

The County Chambers will hold their annual Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament on June 14, 2010. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Chamber office.

The Chamber of Commerce is in the process of planning our Annual Heritage Days event which will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Crafters and food vendors are encouraged to come out and join us in this event. For more information call the Chamber office at 540-740-3212.

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## NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club met on April 19, 2010 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Ingrid Flowers, Dorothy Johnson and Janice and Carolyn White.

Mr. Stuart Brown of New Market kept the members of the New Market Garden Club and their guests quite fascinated with his talk on "Bees". He told about their history, life cycles, customs, making of honey and its benefits, why they swarm and so much more.

For this special occasion, members of the New Market Garden Club had as their guests, members of the Cohee Garden Club, the Family and Community Education Club and guests of club members.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT VALLEY SPORTS CONNECTION



We are excited to introduce you to a new sporting goods store that opened in October. Valley Sports Connection, owned and operated by Mitch and Cathy Donald, is located at 9366 N Congress Street. It is a small retail store with big advantages for our local area. We are able to special order equipment, uniforms, balls, bases, goals, accessories, etc. for our teams and athletes. And if we can't order what you need, we will certainly try to find someone who can.

When deciding to open this business, the vision was to help our local athletes by making sporting goods more accessible. As parents of athletes, we thought how great it would be to have something local where you could grab a pair of shin guards or baseball pants without running at least 20 miles down the road! Hopefully that is happening!

We also have an array of designs for printable apparel, ranging from sports and businesses to family reunions. There is a design for everyone. Keep us in mind for team shirts, hoodies, etc.

May is a big month for Valley Sports Connection. We will be opening two more rooms; "The Dugout" for all your baseball needs and "The Fan Zone" for gift ideas for the sports fans.

We want to be an asset to our community. We invite you to come by and take a look. Our hours are Tues-Fri 9-6 and Sat 9-5.

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*Celebrating 25 Years  
at Sunshine House  
Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services*

*Sunshine House  
of Northwestern Community Services Board  
is Honored to Announce our 25th Anniversary*

*Please join us for a Reception  
on Thursday, May 13th, 2010*

*Program at 10 am  
Tours and Refreshments until 12 Noon*

*Tours and Refreshments at 6 pm ♦ Program at 7 pm*

*500 Dixie Lane, New Market, Virginia 22844*

*The favor of your reply is requested to  
Andrea Bieber or Angel Smith  
(540) 740-3169*

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## THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

"This is so wonderful. I just think you have given her a new life." Those are the words from the sponsor of an individual who recently received hearing aid assistance from The New Market Lions Club. They are an inspiration to this club, and clubs throughout the world, to keep our motto "We Serve" in focus and always a priority. Contact any Lions Club member if you have unneeded eyeglasses to donate or if you know of someone who may need assistance with a sight or hearing problem.

Our annual auction will take place at 11:00 am on July 4<sup>th</sup> in the New Market Community Park. If you would like to donate a useable item please call 540-740-4257 for more information or to arrange for pickup of your donated item.

Call our club secretary at 540-740-4257, or our membership chairman at 540-740-3977 for meeting dates, locations or membership information. Visit the Lions International website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## May 2010

- 4 **Election Day**
- 7 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 10 Council Committee Meetings in the  
Following order: Finance & Personnel, 6:30 pm  
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism,  
Economic Development, & Historic To  
Preservation 7:30 pm
- 14 Leaf and grass pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 & 16 Battle of New Market Reenactment
- 17 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 21 Leaf and grass pickup
- 27 New Market Historical Society  
Meeting at the Town Hall 7:30 pm
- 28 Leaf and grass pickup
- 31 **Town Office closed in observance of  
Memorial Day**

## June 2010

- 3 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm  
At the Town Hall
- 4 Leaf and grass pickup
- 5 **Real Estate & Personal Property  
Taxes Due**
- 7 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
- 7 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 11 Leaf and grass pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills due**
- 18 Leaf and grass pickup
- 21 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 25 Leaf and grass pickup

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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 ..... *Town Manager*  
Charles Peery ..... *Police Chief*  
Jeanne K. Rinker ..... *Town Clerk*  
Chad Neese ..... *Town Planner/Zoning Administrator*

Michael Ritchie ..... *Public Works Director*  
Teresa Green ..... *Treasurer*  
Donna Lohr ..... *Administrative Assistant*

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