

OUR TOWN

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MAYOR'S CORNER

If a country is governed wisely . . .
People enjoy their food,
Take pleasure in being with their families,
Spend weekends working in their gardens,
Delight in the doings of the neighborhood.
---TAO TE CHING

I believe this Chinese saying also applies to the small towns in the Shenandoah Valley. I hope you feel the Town of New Market is "governed wisely" as this is what we are here to accomplish. If not, you as a citizen, part of the town government, need to let us know.

For now our gardens are pretty much put to rest for the winter and it is time to contemplate the holiday season. The big holiday weekend for our town will be December 5th, as part of Shenandoah County Christmas along the Old Valley Pike. Our town's holiday events will start with a 2:00 pm parade, sponsored by the American Legion. Santa Claus will greet children in the Legion Hall immediately following the parade (all are welcome). At 6:30 pm we will have the annual tree lighting at Town Hall with traditional carols led by the Senior Youth Group from Reformation Lutheran Church. From the Town Hall we will move on to The Shenvalee to light even more Christmas trees and enjoy hot cider and cookies. The Christmas trees displayed at the Shenvalee are part of a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest sponsored by some of your local businesses. These Christmas trees will be decorated by and representative of various businesses in town and will be on display throughout the month of December. You will have an opportunity to vote for your favorite tree and help the food bank in the process. All of these events should be a fun way to start the season. Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! The Town of New Market raised over \$150.00 for the March of Dimes and your

Mayor DID NOT have to kiss a llama. The town mayors (New Market, Mt. Jackson, Edinburg, Woodstock, Toms Brook and Strasburg) together raised over \$700.00 with New Market coming in second to Edinburg in money collected. Also, thanks to **BB&T Bank** for the donation of three maple trees for the town park. We truly appreciate our good neighbors. Finally, I again want to thank the residents along Cadet Road for their patience with the construction of the new water line. Hitting unexpected rock, and trying to find connector lines has slowed the project, but the contractor is working hard to get everything completed and the road repaved.

Even with old man winter waiting in the wings, Town projects such as the I&I and the Force Main pipeline continue. Our contractors will be working through the coldest part of the year to see that these projects are completed on time and within budget. Our town staff continues to do a great job in their supervision. Speaking of a great job, have you checked out www.newmarketvirginia.com the Town's website? There is a great deal of information on this site, including council agenda, minutes from the council meetings and town activities. **Executive Assistant, Donna Lohr**, continues to do a great job keeping the site current by posting all of this information in a timely manner. Give it a read and when you see Donna, be sure to thank her for a job well done!

Have a great Thanksgiving and I hope to see you at the events in early December.

TOWN AWARDED MORE GRANT MONEY

Town officials were notified last month that two more grant applications have been approved. The first is from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for \$54,000 to fence in the Town well sites. This grant requires no local match and will greatly improve security at these sites.

The second grant is from the Virginia Department of Forestry as part of a regional stimulus project for urban forestry programs. While the final numbers and details have not yet been disclosed, we expect funds to be available for new trees in the downtown area to compliment the new streetscape project and/or new trees in the park along the Interstate to help buffer the noise generated from traffic on the Interstate. This grant also requires no local match. The Town in recent years has received millions in grant money for local projects including \$3.65 million for the force main project and over \$900,000 for the downtown streetscape project (which should begin in 2010).

"CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS"

Masterworks Chorus of the Shenandoah Valley presents *Christmas Music in the Mountains*, Friday, December 4th, 2009, 7:30 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Strasburg, Saturday, December 5th, 2009 at 4:00 pm At Emanuel Lutheran Church, Woodstock, Saturday, December 5th, 2009 at 7:30 pm at St. Paul UCC, Woodstock, and Sunday, December 6th, 2009 at 3:00 pm at Reformation Lutheran Church, New Market. Tickets will be available at the Woodstock Café and Doug Veach Insurance in Woodstock, at the Watchful Tiger in Edinburg, Runion Insurance Agency in Mt. Jackson, on our website, www.masterworkschorus.com, or by calling 540-740-4007.



LIBRARY NEWS

November 2nd marks the one year anniversary of the official opening of the new New Market Library. In our wildest dreams we could not have imagined how successful this year would be. The library statistics have doubled in almost every category. We have more books, more patrons, more computer users, more activities, more hours open and more volunteers. Three cheers to all the wonderful people of New Market who have shared in making the dream of a new library a reality. A celebration is planned for early December, the date to be announced later.

Parents, mark your calendars for the following events for children in November:

- Preschool Story Time: "Turkey Time" November 19th with Miss Becky
- Saturday, November 21st - a special children's program: "Thanksgiving Book-Feast at the New Market Library. This event for children of preschool through primary grades will include books, activities, snacks and fun, courtesy of the Stonewall Jackson HS Pen and Ink Club.

New Books for November :

The Professional by Robert Parker

War Dances by Sherman Alexie

Evidence by Jonathan Kellerman

The Christmas List by Richard Paul Evans

The Hadrian Memorandum by Allan Folsom

Nine Dragons by Michael Connelly

The Monster in the Box by Ruth Rendell

Breaking the Rules by Barbara Taylor Bradford

Pursuit of Honor by Vince Flynn

The Scarpetta Factor by Patricia Cornwell

Shades of Blue by Karen Kingsbury

Blood Game by Iris Johansen

Southern Lights by Danielle Steel

True Blue by David Baldacci

The Last Night in Twisted River by John Irving

For Younger Readers:

Penn's Christmas Jar Miracle by Jason Wright (local author)

My First Farm: Let's Get Working

The Unfinished Angel by Sharon Creech

Sloppy Joe by Dave Keane

Me and You by Genevieve Cote

Dark Night by Dorothee de Monfreid

Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, & a Miracle,
by Brian Dennis

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Manor Memorial Methodist Church, located at 9320 N. Congress St. sponsors a Food Pantry on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:00 am - 5:30 pm. This is open to community residents who have an address of New Market, Quicksburg, or Forestville. Please use the rear entrance off of John Sevier Road. The next Food Pantry distribution will be on November 19, 2009.

ATTENTION!!

VIETNAM WAR ERA VETERANS

NOVEMBER 14, 2009

Shenandoah Memorial Hospital Foundation 5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & DINNER DANCE

Laughlin Auction House * 116 High Street * Edinburg, VA

For Complimentary Tickets
Contact Fred Hughes - (540) 459-2088

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2009 will be the 5th Annual fundraiser for our communi-
ty hospital. The monies raised are kept exclusively in
Shenandoah County. The funds are not used for general oper-
ating expenses of the hospital.

*For sponsorship, advertising, personal salute opportunities
and/or to reserve tickets, contact Miriam Reno at (540) 459-8862.*

MAJOR PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD

The Town appreciates everyone's patience as some major projects in Town move forward. The I&I project is moving along very well and we hope to have Cadet Road patched up in the next couple months. The entire roadway will be overlaid with new asphalt in the Spring. This will give the patches time to settle and any necessary repairs to the patches can be made before the overlay is put on. Residents should begin noticing improved water pressure soon. In addition, over 8,000 feet of sewer pipe has been relined so far with this project and we hope to see a measurable impact on the flows at the wastewater plant. This project will improve our wastewater conveyance system by relining and replacing old sewer pipes and manholes, and includes the new water line on Cadet Road which was previously mentioned.

The ceremonial ground breaking for the Force Main project was held on September 30th, 2009 at the wastewater treatment plant. Most of the initial work for this project will not have an impact on local residents because the wastewater plant is located well off of Route 211. One crew will be working on the construction of the pump station at the wastewater treatment site. A second crew will be installing the 16" force main which will leave the wastewater plant and follow Academy Road to Route 211 and then turn west and follow Route 211 to the Broadway Plant. The work along Route 211 may cause some traffic delays. This project will allow Broadway to treat all of our wastewater and is being funded 100% by stimulus funds.

Design of the Streetscape project is working through the VDOT approval process. Plans must meet all VDOT specifications and are currently going through a constructability review. We hope to have plans finalized by the Spring so that bids can be received and work could begin sometime in the Summer of 2010. The Town continues to apply for more funding for this project.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on November 16th, 2009.

The Forestville-Quicksburg Ruritan Club and the Community Center will be sponsoring a Retirement Seminar at the Center at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th, 2009. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 740-8506.

Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. You may call 800-651-6000 for further information.

Shenandoah Valley Banjo and Fiddle Club will be at the Center at 7:00 p.m. on Friday nights. Admission is free. Refreshments are available for a donation. Their "picking parties" are held at the Center every Friday night from October through June.

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.

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New Market Area Chamber of Commerce set up a table at the Clear Brook Welcome Center to provide information for tourists on businesses in and around the New Market area. We provided a packet of information including pamphlets and business cards to show what New Market has to offer our visitors. Also, visitors were able to sample some of our local food. They were treated to apples from a local orchard, cheese and cookies.

The Chamber of Commerce also has a new secretary, Lisa Hirsh of Timberville. Feel free to stop by the Chamber of Commerce office to meet Lisa.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help the Chamber of Commerce. We had approximately 157 volunteer hours last month. The Chamber of Commerce is also planning a Christmas in New Market celebration. The Chamber will have a Gingerbread House set up at the Gingham Cottage. The American Legion Christmas parade will be held on December 5th at 2:00 p.m.

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club took a Fall Foliage Tour through Fort Valley and had lunch at Hotel Strasburg on October 19, 2009 in conjunction with their meeting. We are looking forward to several upcoming events. Plans are being made to host the Christmas Party in December with FCE members as our guests. The New Market Christmas Decorating Contest will be sponsored by the Club this year.

Our Shenandoah District will be hosting the VFGC Convention in April of 2010.

POLICE BLOTTER

In September, the New Market Police Department responded to 365 calls for service. There were 4 physical arrests, 2 DUI's, 1 intoxicated person in public and a warrant service for another jurisdiction. Officers worked 6 motor vehicle crashes. The Auxiliary Officers volunteered 62.25 hours for the month.

The police department won the 2009 Fit Station challenge. The Fit Station Challenge is a program hosted by the Virginia Department of Health. The police department was awarded 2 large drive-through tents, a large highway sign, 20 traffic cones and growth chart display with stand. These items are a great asset to the department and will help with future child safety seat check events.

If anyone needs to have a child safety seat checked, please call the Police Department at 740-3776.

The next New Market Area Neighborhood Watch meeting will be November 5, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the New Market Town Hall.

Please remember to be careful during the upcoming holidays while traveling. Please remember not to drink and drive and always remember to "BUCKLE UP".

REBELS ANNOUNCE NEW HEAD COACH FOR 2010

The New Market Rebels are pleased to announce that Corey Paluga has been named Head Coach for the 2010 season. He was the Head Assistant under Lucas Jones during the 2009 season. Paluga is currently the Head Assistant Coach at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey.

"We always attempt to hire from within the Rebel family to ensure continuity", says New Market Rebels' President and General Manager, Bruce Alger. "Corey brings continuity, character, and a sound baseball background to the Rebel organization."

Paluga stated, "When Bruce called, I was very honored and flattered that he considered me a qualified individual to handle such an important position for the organization and for the Town of New Market. After a great experience last summer, it wasn't a tough decision to accept the position."

Paluga, who played and coached at Lynchburg College, has already started recruiting players and hopes to have some familiar faces back in 2010.

"Corey is one of my closest friends in this profession, and he was a large part of our playoff run last summer. I have nothing but confidence in him", says Lucas Jones. Calling it a "tough decision", Jones declined an offer to return for 2010, citing the fact that he intends to pursue a coaching position in Division I baseball, and it would not be fair to the Rebel organization to divide his attention.

"I certainly owe the Town of New Market, Bruce Alger, and the entire organization extreme gratitude for the opportunity to coach the 2009 Rebels team. I have built positive, lifelong relationships that extend past the diamond, and I have nothing but positives as I reflect on my experiences in New Market", says Jones.

"We wanted to bring back Lucas for the 2010 season," notes Alger, "but we were happy to extend the offer to Corey to be our head coach, and we're even happier that he accepted."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 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 |
| 2 | Planning Commission Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 3 | Election Day | |
| 5 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting
At the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 6 | Leaf and Grass pickup | |
| 11 | Town Office Closed in Observance
Of Veterans Day | |
| 13 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills Due | |
| 19 | New Market Historical Society Meeting
At the Town Hall | 7:30 pm |
| 20 | Leaf and Grass Pickup - Last one for this year | |
| 26 & 27 | Town Office Closed for Thanksgiving | |

December 2009

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| 3 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting
At the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 5 | Christmas parade sponsored by
The American Legion | 2:00 pm |
| 5 | Tree Lighting at the Town Hall | 6:30 pm |
| 5 | Real Estate & Personal Property
Tax Bills due | |
| 7 | Council Committee Meeting 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 |
| 7 | Planning Commission Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills due | |
| 21 | Town Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 24 & 25 | Town Office Closed in Observance of
Christmas | |

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TOWN COUNCIL

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Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

Chris Boies <i>Town Manager</i>	Michael Ritchie <i>Public Works Director</i>
Charles Peery <i>Police Chief</i>	Teresa Green <i>Treasurer</i>
Jeanne K. Rinker <i>Town Clerk</i>	Donna Lohr <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Chad Neese <i>Town Planner/Zoning Administrator</i>	

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