

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

"Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence. Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance. Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance." -Yoko Ono

It has been a beautiful fall with just enough rain to keep the grass green and bright with clear weekends to bring the tourists to town. An added bonus is the new sidewalks and street lamps. The streetscape looks great and many thanks to the shop owners for sprucing up your properties and store fronts making them match the other improvements. I look forward to winter knowing spring will follow along with the second phase of our streetscape project.

Much of what we do in the town deals with "infrastructure", making sure we have good water and a functioning sewer system. As I have said many times before, the town staff does a terrific job in maintaining our infrastructure. The other day I, along with other members of the town council, toured the town's new waste water pumping facility. I was blown away with a state of the art facility and the expertise of the staff. While viewing massive pumps with computerized controls, it was obvious to see that the town has a system that is easy to maintain, requires low maintenance, is highly functional and will serve New Market for many years. I offer my sincere thanks to the town staff for a job well done, the council for their oversight throughout the project and you, the citizens, for supporting this project.

While speaking about the town staff, I need to mention our great police force. Once again the **New Market Police Force** placed first in the 2010 Law Enforcement Challenge for jurisdictions with 1-10 officers. Additionally, **Sergeant Chris Rinker** was awarded a Leadership Award for his work with the coordination of the *Click it or Ticket* program throughout the valley. In the not too distant past I had the opportunity to watch as **Sergeant Rinker** handled an accident scene. His professional attitude, knowledge and positive people skills made, what I'm sure was a difficult situation, easier. We have a police force of which we can all be proud.

"If winter is slumber and spring is birth, and summer is life, then autumn rounds out to be reflection. It's a time of year when the leaves are down and the harvest is in and the perennials are gone. Mother Earth just closed up the drapes on another year and it's time to reflect on what's come before." - Mitchell Burgess

Mark your calendars for the following dates: **Tues. Nov. 8th - Vote; Fri. Nov. 11th - Veterans Day** - Fly your American Flags in honor of those who gave/give their service and in some cases their life, the ultimate sacrifice, for the freedoms we enjoy today; **Sat. Dec. 3rd. - New Market Christmas Parade** (4:30 pm) followed by the **New Market Christmas Tree Lighting and music program** at the Town Hall.

My family and I wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving full of warmth and many happy memory making moments.



LIBRARY NEWS

As we approach the third anniversary of our new library we want to share some stats with you that show how much the library has grown. In 2003 the number of library materials circulated was 2,950. In 2005 that number rose to 4,764. During the fiscal year 2011 statistics show that circulation was 16,708 with 13,572 visitors and 4,513 computer users. Currently the number of library users per day varies from 30 to 80 people. Remember that our library is staffed entirely by volunteers!

Dates to mark on your calendar:

November 18, 2011 - Preschool Story Hour - 10 a.m.

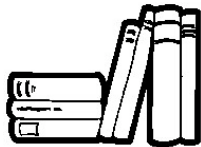
December 3, 2011 - Santa will be at the library following the tree lighting ceremony at the town hall. Refreshments will be served. Time and details will be announced.

New Books:

Murder Unleashed, Rita Mae Brown
Shockwave, John Sandford
The Dovekeepers, Alice Hoffman
As the Pig Turns, M.C. Beaton
The Best of Me, Nicholas Sparks
The Christmas Wedding, James Patterson
Bonnie, Iris Johansen
Ed King, David Guterson
The Lady of the Rivers, Philipa Gregory
A Christmas Homecoming, Anne Perry
The Litigators, John Grisham
City of Whispers, Marcia Muller

New for Children:

Frog and Friends, Eve Bunting
Christmas Unwrapped: A Kid's Winter Wonderland of Holiday Trivia, Jonathan Green
Can You See What I See: Toyland Express Picture Puzzles to Search and Solve, Walter Wick
Face to Face with Butterflies, Darlyne Murawski
Face to Face with Gorillas, Michael Nichols
Face to Face with Elephants, Beverly Joubert
What to Expect When You're Expecting Joeys: A Guide for Marsupial Parents (and Curious Kids), Bridget Heos
Jim Henson: The Guy Who Played with Puppets, Kathleen Krull



THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

The club conducted their semi-annual road clean-up under the Adopt a Highway program. Thanks to Gary Cunningham, Julian Jenkins, and Tommy Foltz for their efforts. They report the amount of trash gathered was somewhat less than previous cleanups. Does this mean people are becoming more conscious of the appearance of our roads and highways? We surely hope so.

Our booth at the New Market Community Center Craft Show over the Fall Festival weekend proved to be very successful. Thanks to those who stopped by to pick up a broom, some literature, a raffle ticket, or just to visit. Thanks to Harry Lam for supervising this endeavor.

If you would like more information on our club's activities or are interested in becoming a member, please call our membership chairman at 540-740-3977 or club secretary at 540-740-4244. 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.

"The best way to appreciate your job is to imagine yourself without it." -Reminisce Magazine

FREE CLOTHING

Free Clothing for Needy People - Wednesdays 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and Thursdays 8:30 am - Noon, at the Seventh Day Adventist's Community Services Center located at 62 West Lee Highway. Questions? Call 740-8550.

THE NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club met at the Fellowship Hall of the New Market Seventh Day Adventist Church on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 1:00 pm. Hostesses were Dot Johnson and Virginia Thompson. The guest speakers were from "Countryopolitan Mercantile & Bloomery" who recently opened their business on Congress Street in New Market. A delightful and informative presentation was given on the "start line" of an arrangement and choice of flowers.

President Ginger Ramsdell called the meeting to order. There were 7 members present and 3 guests. Horticulture was judged by Ellen Dever and Dot Johnson. The following ribbons were awarded: Caroline White, 2 Blue Ribbons, Virginia Thompson, 3 Blue Ribbons and 1 Red Ribbon, Ingrid Flowers, 2 Blue Ribbons and Ellen Dever, 1 Blue Ribbon.

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2011 at 1:00 pm. The program, "Garlands and Greens" will be by Lillian Thomas. Guests are WELCOME.

NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 17: "Three Guys - Three Memories" It has been 70 years since "The Day that Shall Live in Infamy" December 7, 1941. Come join us for three different snapshots of WWII. Meeting will be at the New Market Town Hall at 7:30 pm. Guests are always welcome.

George Erdman of Harrisonburg - George was 5 years old living on Hickam Field, Hawaii in Dec 1941. On Sunday Dec. 7th he was anxiously awaiting delivery of the Sunday paper and funnies. Instead he and his family witnessed another delivery. George recently found a series of letters his mother wrote her mother from Dec 25, 1940 until evacuation in late December 1941. George will be sharing some of his mother's letters mailed prior to Dec 7th as well as her memories of Dec 7th, and the vivid memories of a 5-year-old on that historic day. **John Billings of Woodstock** - Flew 15 combat missions with the 15th Air Force 484th bomb group in Italy. He was then assigned to the OSS 885 Heavy Special Squadron, flying 39 OSS missions dropping personnel (spies) and supplies behind enemy lines. Most missions were at night and he was unescorted. John has from time to time met up with some of those folks whom he dropped into harm's way. **Bob Dever of New Market** - Served with Composite Squadron VC68 aboard the USS Fanshaw Bay CVE70. Bob was a Torpedo Bomber pilot and then transferred to become the landing signal officer. He served aboard the Fanshaw Bay until December '44 when it came back to San Diego for repairs. He was transferred to Air Group 100 and the USS Ticonderoga (CV14). He went back to the Pacific and was patrolling between Okinawa and Japan when the war ended.

NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE

The New Market Fire and Rescue would like to thank all the local citizens and others for making our 2011 Fall Fling a huge success. The Fling was held on September 24th. With all the help and participation it was a very productive fundraiser. Our next project will take place October 28th, 29th and 30th, 2011 when we are holding our first Fall Gun Show and Sale.

We are participating with the Shenandoah County Fire and Rescue in a major membership drive. It is a new concept funded by a grant received by the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association. Shenandoah County is one of ten Fire and Rescue Departments in the Commonwealth selected to participate in the GIS-10 study. The study uses a combination of survey data and geographical information to facilitate the recruitment of fire department volunteers. Whether it be through a new recruitment program resulting from this study or some other means of volunteer recruitment, we are always in need of the community's assistance. If you are interested in ways you can volunteer with the department just call us at 540-740-8904 or simply stop by anytime and talk to a member. We would be glad to have you.

POLICE BLOTTER

During the month of September the New Market Police Department responded to a total of 363 calls for service. The Department made 3 physical arrests and handled 7 motor vehicle crashes. The NMPD also responded to 16 mutual aide calls from other law enforcement agencies. There were 118 traffic stops and 76 summonses issued during September.

Safety Tip: With the changing of the season and the onset of fall and winter our nights get longer and our days shorter. For those energetic members of our community who walk, jog or bike along the streets this means it's even more important to make yourself as visible as possible to motorists. Several weeks ago a pedestrian was struck here in Town in the early morning hours. A combination of low light conditions combined with the pedestrian's dark clothing contributed to this accident. The pedestrian's injuries were very minor and required no medical attention. However, it reminds us that wearing reflective clothing and/or carrying a flashlight will go a long way to alerting motorists to your presence. This season enjoy a brisk morning walk or evening jog, just remember to consider your visibility and personal safety.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on December 1st, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building.

Please remember to wear your seatbelt. It saves lives!

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER

Shenandoah Valley Banjo and Fiddle Club holds their Friday night "pickin sessions" at the Center from October 7, 2011 through the end of May, 2012. The music is free to the public and is held in the cafeteria each Friday night from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

The RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on December 1, 2011. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021 to schedule an appointment. Dates for 2012 will be listed in the December newsletter.

Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 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**. The cafeteria/kitchen, gymnasium and classrooms are available to rent. The cafeteria will comfortably seat 100 people. 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 2011

- 4 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 8 Election Day**
- 9 Council Committee Meetings in the following order: Finance & Personnel, Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation 6:30 pm
- 9 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 11 Town Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day**
- 14 Leaf and Grass Pickup (instead of Friday November 11th)
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 New Market Historical Society Meeting at the Municipal Building 7:30 pm
- 18 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 21 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24 & 25 Town Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving**

December 2011

- 1 Neighborhood Watch Meeting at the Municipal Building 7:00 pm
- 2 Leaf and Grass Pickup - last one of the season
- 3 Christmas Parade followed by the Lighting of the Christmas tree at the Municipal Building 4:30 pm
- 5 Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes Due**
- 5 Council Committee Meetings in the Following order: Finance & Personnel, Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, Economic Development & Historical Preservation 6:30 pm
- 5 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 19 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 - 26 Town Office Closed in observance Of Christmas**

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