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MAYOR'S CORNER

Congratulations to the **New Market Rebels** for a great season. Making it to the semi-final round was a great feat considering the number of injuries the team members suffered during the season. Hats off to the players and coaches and a special thanks to the tireless leadership and management of **Bruce and Lynn Alger**. Last, but not least, a great big "Thank You" goes to the volunteers and organizations who provided and served the Rebels a hearty meal after each home game. The "Boys of Summer" will be missed. Keep your ears and eyes open for the book being written by Austin Grisel about the 2009 Rebels. It is scheduled to be completed and published late this fall. I'm sure the Rebels web site or Austin's will have the updated information.

Great news! We are close to completing an Economic Development Plan and a packet of information for prospective businesses which was developed by our JMU intern, **Adam Facetti**. I was recently interviewed by the manager of the new Tractor Supply store opening in Luray and was able to give him a great deal of information about New Market in one concise document. Thank you, Adam, for all your help. You made us look fantastic!

We have been talking about "economic development" for some time now and I am however, not sure it is the right term. I've come across another term we've all heard; "economic recovery", which perhaps is a better fit for what the Town of New Market is trying to do. New Market has always been a center of trade and commerce, and does need to continue to be developed. However, it also needs to recover some of what has already been developed. This may just be "wordsmithing" to make this distinction but I think it is an important distinction for a couple of reasons. First, it helps us to remember that the leadership and voices of those businesses already in place are still needed along with the new businesses. Second, it reminds us to be proud of New Market's economic history as we take a positive look to the future. We have a concerned business community, many of which have joined together to advertise, promote each other, and work cooperatively in upcoming events.

To help with this recovery and development all of us need to shop locally and support the local businesses as much as possible. If you have a computer, check their websites to see what special events they have coming up during the fall and winter seasons. I know there are some exciting things on the horizon to keep all of us interested. *The Battlefield* will again have their "Spirits of New Market" night on October 31st from 7:00 pm. - 10:00 pm. Many of the shops will hold a "Holiday Open House", and our local boutique, *Casual Fridays*, is planning several "Fashion Shows". I have also heard there may be some sort of "Christmas Tree Contest"???

I hope all of you are ready to "fall" into fall. Soon the trees will show their vibrant colors and we will be the envy of many tourists. We can all play a part in the economic recovery of our town and each of us can be an ambassador. Greet the tourists with a smile and open arms so they will tell their friends and again return to our beautiful Shenandoah Valley.



VMI NEW CADET ORIENTATION PARADE

Each year during the first week of September, the freshman class of VMI, or Rats as they are called at VMI, visit the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park for a day long orientation to the 1864 battle in which the VMI Cadet Corps so prominently figured. When their orientation is completed at the Battlefield, they stage a parade through the Town of New Market. This year's program will take place on Sunday, September 6, 2009. The parade of cadets will be from 2:00 - 3:00 pm and begins at Breckinridge Lane at the north end of Congress Street and proceeds south to Ashby Lane (Route 11). So come on out Sunday afternoon, Sept. 6th, join the families and friends of the cadets and enjoy one of the annual traditions in New Market.

TOWN SAVES BIG BUCKS!

The slow-down in the economy has been in the news for many months. Most of this news has been very discouraging. However the Town of New Market has seen something good emerge from these tough economic times.

Last year the Town entered into an agreement with the Town of Broadway to connect to their wastewater treatment facility located in Timberville. This move is estimated to save the Town around \$10 million in capital costs. This will require the installation of a large pump station and force main with construction costs that were projected to be around \$7 million. The Town was preparing to take on a low interest loan to cover these costs. Then in late spring the Department of Environmental Quality announced that the Town would receive \$4.2 million in federal stimulus funds to be applied to this project.

In July the Town opened the bids from construction companies interested in taking on the project. With construction work being hampered by the recession, the bids were much lower than was anticipated. At the August 17th meeting the Council voted to award the contract to Commonwealth Excavating of Verona for \$3.6 million. This is contingent upon DEQ's approval and basically means the stimulus funds will cover 100% of the bid price. The remaining \$600,000 will have to be returned to the state.

In addition to construction costs, the Town has paid a \$2.25 million connection fee to Broadway. There are also expenses involved in acquiring land to build the pipeline. The Town is still studying the impact of these funds to determine what future rate increases will be necessary.

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 September 17, 2009.

LIBRARY NEWS

As the busy summer ends, the library , along with families all over New Market is gearing up for September! Students from the local elementary schools and high schools as well as adult learners will find the library a comfortable place to study and find resources for assignments. Books for book reports, encyclopedias, almanacs, and online resources are all available at your town library. Our all volunteer staff will do their best to assist you!

Preschoolers are invited to bring their parents or childcare providers to our September story time on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 10:00 am. Miss Becky will share stories, songs and tasting, "All about Apples"! Come sample the fun!

Announcing something new at the library.....FRIDAY GAME NIGHT. We are opening the library from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Friday, September 25th, 2009 and inviting families, teens, young folks and older folks who enjoy playing games to come relax at the library. We expect a wide variety of interest and will provide a spectrum of games appealing to all ages. Snacks will also be provided. We ask that children under 12 be accompanied by an adult.

New Books at the Library:

That Old Cape Magic by Richard Russo

The Deep Blue Sea for Beginners

by LuAnne Rice

The Winds of Dune by Brian Herbert

Rules of Vengeance by Christopher Reich

The Siege by Stephen White

The Traffickers by W.E.B. Griffin

New Tricks by David Rosenfelt

Rhino Ranch by Larry McMurry

Blindman's Bluff by Faye Kellerman

Smash Cut by Sandra Brown

Intervention by Robin Cook

South of Broad by Pat Conroy

The Hunted by Brian Haig

Sand Sharks by Margaret Maron

Vanished by Joseph Finker

The White Queen by Philippa

Gregory

Alex Cross's Trial by James

Patterson

206 Bones by Kathy Reichs

Even Money by Dick Francis

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

We continue having our famous "Bob Branner" barbecued chicken the 2nd Saturday of each month. We also have a buffet breakfast the same Saturday from 7:00 - 9:30 am. So come to the Legion and get a great breakfast and take some chicken home with you.

We will be hosting our Fall Craft Show October 24th and 25th along with the Community Center who will also be having their Show. We hope you will come out to get some quality crafted items. The Ladies Auxiliary will have good food available and we will also be making homemade apple butter to sell at the Legion. Anyone interested in renting a space for the show can call Tom Wilkins at 740-4189.

We have erected a Memorial Garden to the east side of our building in honor of our deceased members, Ladies Auxiliary members, and Sons of Legion members. If you are at the Legion or just passing by, stop and have a look.

Anyone interested in renting our social hall for a wedding, birthday party, or any other event please call Tom Wilkins at 740-4189.

We still have the box at the top of the parking lot for those tattered flags to be disposed of with honor.

Anyone interested in joining one of our organizations may call the following numbers: American Legion - 740-3437; Ladies Auxiliary - 740-3032; Sons of Legion - 740-4189.

Remember our veterans with pride because, as the song says, "All gave some, some gave all".

GARDEN CLUBS

COHEE GARDEN CLUB – AUGUST 2009

The Cohee Garden Club met at the home of Gloria Shelton on August 3rd, 2009. Members all brought articles regarding recycling or conserving resources. Vivian Myers made an arrangement of articles we throw into the trash and told us how many months/years each article took to disintegrate in the dump. Other items of interest included the fact that other countries require large household appliances be manufactured for easy disassembly and recycling and that some no longer allow beverages to be bottled in plastic. Louise Nain, Gloria Shelton and Vivian Myers received blues for horticulture.

On Friday, August 14th, 2009, five members of the Cohee Garden Club and two members of the New Market Garden Club judged landscaping in the town of New Market. The overall winners for 2009 are:

Residence: Howard and Myra Lowry, 9034 N. Congress St.

Business: McDonalds, 171 W. Old Cross Rd.

Tree Planting: Ken Getz, 9501 S. Congress St.

Hanging Plants: James and Barbara Wine, 9488 John Sevier Rd.

Container: The Christmas Gallery, 9373 N. Congress St.

All who received awards (including all who have received Yard of the Month) are invited to a reception in Farrow Hall at Manor Memorial United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on September 21st, 2009. Certificates for the overall winners will be presented at the reception.

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club held its monthly meeting August 17, 2009 in the form of an indoor picnic at the New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall. Ruth Garretson, Master Gardener and active member of Cohee Garden Club spoke on behalf of the New Market Library's "Rain Gardens", explaining how the gardens work and their need for plants. She provided us with a list of plants adapted to rain gardens.

Ethel Garber gave gardening tips for fall with questions and discussion from members of the Club.

Those receiving blue ribbons on horticulture were Virginia Thompson, 3 and Dot Johnson, 3. Janice White and Ingrid Flowers received blue ribbons on artistic arrangements.

THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

Our club sponsored the New Market Rebels' baseball game on July 23rd. We look forward to future sponsorships next year. We congratulate the Rebels on a fine season. They came up a little short in the playoffs but certainly provided a lot of good entertainment for the community.

We contributed to the New Market Fire Department's and New Market Area Rescue Squad's annual Betty Pettit Memorial Golf Tournament at Shenvalee Resort. We commend these organizations for recognizing the contributions of this fine lady and in keeping her memory alive.

Our annual cookout for the residents of Shenandoah Valley Village will be held this year on September 14th. We look forward to this event as much as the residents enjoy having us visit. Good food and good times are had by all.

The refreshment stand we had at the southbound rest area every New Year's Day is in jeopardy for 2010 with the closing of that facility. Although re-opening of the rest areas is a campaign issue in the gubernatorial race, we don't expect any action to be taken soon enough to let us back in. It's a shame. The travelers really enjoyed the refreshment break.

Should you have an interest in joining our club, Membership Chairman Harry Lam (540-740-3977) is just a phone call away. Visit Lions International at www.lionsclubs.org.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter has announced plans for an Appraisal Fair in the cafeteria at the Center on September 13, 2009 from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. For a small fee, your "antiques" will be appraised by a panel of experts. For more information you may call 540-436-3202.

Life Line Screening will be coming to the Center on Thursday, September 17th, 2009. Ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke. Screenings are fast, painless, affordable and convenient. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851.

The RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on October 9th, 2009. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021. Ladies, please call and schedule your mammogram. Save yourself a trip to Harrisonburg.

Reservation forms for our 15th Annual Craft Show on October 24 & 25, 2009, have been mailed. Should you wish to participate, please call Claudia Gray (740-4257). Prices for two-days are: 8x8' space for \$35.00 and 8x10' space for \$45.00. Mt. Zion Lutheran Youth will be selling food in the cafeteria. We are expecting the model railroad exhibit this year. The Craft Show will be open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Door prize drawings will be held every hour, beginning at 11 am.

Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings 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. 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 REBELS

The New Market Rebels enjoyed a highly successful season this summer, qualifying for the playoffs and defeating Luray in the first round, 2 games to 1 to capture the Battle of the Mountain Trophy. We had a wonderful group of young men represent New Market this year and we wish them well as they head back to school. The Rebel organization would also like to thank Lucas Jones and his coaching staff for a job well done and also thank our many volunteers who make Rebel baseball possible. We hope you enjoyed watching Rebel baseball as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you. Let the count down begin for 2010!

NEW MARKET POLICE BLOTTER

For The month of July, the Police Department responded to 362 for service. There were 5 physical arrests, 3 DUI's and 2 arrests for being Intoxicated in Public. Officers worked 5 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 49 mutual aid calls to other agencies. The Police Department made 16 traffic stops and issued 33 summonses for traffic violations. The Auxiliary Officers volunteered 79.75 hours for the month.

The October meeting for the New Market Area Neighborhood Watch will be October 1st, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Once again the New Market Police Department entered a book in the Law Enforcement Challenge. This year we finished second in the State, one place better than last year. This represents the hard work from all the members of the Police Department. Sergeant Rinker did an outstanding job putting this information together.

I am happy to announce that Sergeant Rinker received the Governor's Highway Safety award for Virginia in the area of Occupant Protection. This comes from his hard work and dedication to the "Click It or Ticket" campaign as well as other special events.

Sergeant Rinker also received the "Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" award. This is the first time this award has been presented in Virginia. This has been a great month for Sergeant Rinker and the New Market Police Department. Everyone in Town can be proud of the Police Department and its officers. Keep up the great work!

Please remember to "Buckle Up".

NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the month of July 15 - August 15, the New Market Volunteer Fire Department ran a total of 24 calls. We have had 9 MVA's and 6 structure fires. A Mass Casualty Training Session was held at Stonewall Jackson High School with the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department. It was a simulated training for a possible disaster such as the one that happened at Virginia Tech. Seven of our members took Engine 1 to the training.

We would like to thank all of you who have sent us donations in response to our Fund Drive letter. As of August 11, 2009 we have received \$5695.00 which will be used to pay bills for maintenance of our building and trucks. These donations are very much appreciated. At this time the County still has not reinstated our funding. The Town of New Market has reinstated their annual donation because we have complied with all of the concerns and made the changes necessary to operate as a Volunteer Organization. We greatly appreciate the Town's confidence in us and their decision to reinstate the funding.

The Auxiliary has been doing extra fundraisers throughout the months. Our last fundraiser was August 8th when we rented tables to vendors and sold hot dogs and drinks for the Route 11 Yard Crawl. We took in \$223.00. We are hoping to make this a greater success at next year's Yard Crawl.

Upcoming fundraisers include a food stand for Heritage Days, August 22nd & 23rd, 2009, and our Fall Fling to be held jointly with the Rescue Squad on September 26, 2009. Anyone interested in buying a ticket for the Fall Fling may call the firehouse at 740-8904 or the Rescue Squad at 740- 8805. It's going to be lots of fun and there will be more than \$100,000 worth of prizes given away.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 2009

- 3 Neighborhood Watch Meeting
At the Town Hall 7:00 pm
- 4 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 6 VMI Cadets Parade 2:00 pm
- 7 **Town Office Closed in Celebration
Of Labor Day**
- 8 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following Order: (1) Finance & Personnel 6:30 pm
(2) Public Works (3) Public Safety To
(4) Tourism, Economic Development 7:30 pm
& Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 8 Planning Commission Meeting
- 11 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 21 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24 Historical Society Meeting 7:30 pm
At the Town Hall
- 25 Leaf and Grass Pickup

October 2009

- 1 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
At the Town Hall
- 2 Leaf and Grass Pickup 6:30 pm
- 5 Council Committee Meeting in the
Following Order: (1) Finance & Personnel To
(2) Public Works (3) Public Safety
(4) Tourism, Economic Development
& Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
7:30 pm
- 5 Planning Commission Meeting
- 9 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 12 **Town Office closed in Observance
Of Columbus Day**
- 12 - 16 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 19 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 30 Leaf and Grass Pickup

Town of New Market

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