

OUR TOWN

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MAYOR'S CORNER

"O sweet September, thy first breezes bring the dry leaf's rustle and the squirrel's laughter, the cool fresh air whence health and vigor spring and promise of exceeding joy hereafter."

- **George Arnolds**

Well summer is winding down and our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are returning to school. Please remember to take a little more time, be patient and watch out for the children waiting for or loading onto the school buses. The school children are often excited and don't always take the care they should so it's up to us adults to take extra care to insure their safety. Thanks.

As many of you know I believe, if at all possible, in "shopping local first" just as I know many of you also do. One of the things I've noticed while co-signing the checks to pay the town bills is that the town also patronizes New Market businesses whenever possible. The town has accounts with many of the local businesses. This helps keep local tax dollars in the hands of New Market businesses.

Speaking of tax dollars, there is some concern about the sewer force main and pump station project being behind schedule. Let me assure you that the town staff and council are dealing with the situation and working closely with the project engineer and the contractor to resolve the issues involved. The project may come in a little later than originally planned, but it will be completed and as close to the original bid price as possible. We have a well written contract and an excellent town attorney in Jason Ham who is protecting the interests of the town. We will keep you posted on the progress of the project.

We should receive authorization soon to let construction bids for the long awaited Streetscape Project in the downtown area. By mid autumn we should have some idea when construction will start and how long construction is expected to take. We are all excited about seeing this project get underway.

Congratulations to the **New Market Police Department** for another successful National Night Out. Our chief of police, **Charlie Peery** and his wife **Faye** did a great job with the hot dogs and all the officers involved conducted interesting programs including a demonstration by the county drug dog. Thank you New Market citizens for coming out to show support for our police department and for your fellow citizens. I'm pleased to say your **town police** have also earned two more honors. The department was awarded **first place in the "Chief's Challenge"** award presented by the Highway Safety Office of the DMV, and Sgt Chris Rinker received the **DMV 2010 Click it or Ticket Dedication Award**. Our police department works hard to make New Market a safe place to live. Many thanks!!

I hope all of you had a great summer and are looking forward to the fall and the mountains coming alive with color. They truly make a beautiful framework for our little town.

New Market Baseball Club

Presents

"AUNT SILLY"

Comedy in 3 Acts

PianistMrs. Allen Branner
SoloistsMr. Allen Branner and Mrs. C. E. Tidler
Director of playMrs. Ann Beresford-Stafford

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Aunt SillyMr. Henry Tusing
Mayor HarneyMr. W. B. Burress
Senator Pendennis PompousMr. J.G. Miller
Mrs. Lotta LoftusMrs. B. A. Guard
Angelina LoftusMrs. C. W. Hamer
Cecelia DilMrs. Charles Knight
Mose BulrushesMr. R. S. Orebaugh
Al BradyMr. Jack Bushong
Irene StaceyMiss Elizabeth Miller
Ruth HarneyMiss Nancy Branner

TOYLAND CHILDREN

Anna Lucille Nalley, Sandra Waters, Cathy Blackburn, Eddie Rice, Don O'Roark, Mike Ellis, Jane Knight, Dee Dee Freeman, Karen Branner, Jimmy Hoover, Jane Corbin, Betty Joe Day, Janice Helvey, Lynn Harrison, James Bazzle.
Song by Jane Crim and Ann Price Burress.

DANCING OCTET

Marjorie Lineburg, Joyce Zirkle, Joanne O'Roark, Mona Zirkle
Janet Salyards, Betty Brumback, Ann Branner

QUARTETByno Rhodes, Pat Emswiler, Allen Branner, Bob Alexander

CLOG DANCINGL.L. Madden
Business Men's Review(Guess Who?)
Millstream DuetMrs. C. E; Tidler and Mr. Allen Branner

PATRONS

Mrs. L.L. Sine and Daughters
Clarke's Shoe Repair Shop
Baker's Taxi
Valley Beauty Shop
The Henkel Press, Inc.
C. L. Dempsey
Pottery Mfg. Exhibits
Don-Dee Cabins
Sellers Motor Co., Inc.
Gulf Main Street Station
M.D.'s Modern Cabins
Vogue Dress Shoppe
Queden's Lunch
F. and M. Jewelers
Traveler's Inn
Ritchie Auto Service

BANNER BUYERS

New Market Feed & Produce
Craig's Barber Shop
O-Flaherty's Furniture Stores
Zirkle's Grocery
Moyers Feed Co. Inc.
New Market Department Store
Citizens National Bank
Valley Hardware Store
Midway Market
Endless Caverns
Alexander's Machine Shop

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Mr. James Steptoe, Jr., owner of Steptoe's Barber Shop. His family has operated the same business in the same location at 9418 South Congress St. in New Market for 90 years. This is quite an accomplishment! Congratulations Junior!

The Chamber still has copies of the book, "Safe at Home" for sale in our office. This book was written by Austin Gisriel and tells the story of the New Market Rebels and the people of our town who house and feed these young men while they are sharpening their skills with the hopes of gaining a professional contract. If you would like to purchase one of these books, please drop by our office at 100 West Lee St. The purchase price is \$15.00.

The Chamber is still in the process of taking applications for the Heritage Days Festival which will be held October 23 & 24, 2010. Anyone interested in becoming a vendor, or if you would just like more information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 540-740-3212. You may also obtain an application on our website at www.newmarketcoc.net.

NEW MARKET WALKING TOURS

New Market Walking Tours are free to any person who lives or works in New Market. Come hear the stories of the people who once lived along Congress Street. Tours are given daily at 10:30 am, Monday – Saturday, and begin at the Apple Blossom Inn, located at 9317 N. Congress Street. Evening tours in September and October are available by appointment. Susan Smith, native of New Market, author of children's books and resource librarian for Shenandoah County schools leads the week-end tours. Dr. Betty Karol Wilson, historian and musician, leads the weekday tours. Tours will end October 30, 2010.

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items from October 12th thru October 15th, 2010. Please place all heavy trash curbside. Crews will not go onto private property to make collections. Crews will pick up trash by item type during the week and will have all trash picked up by the end of the day on Friday, October 15th. Brush and limbs must be bundled in piles no longer than four feet in length. To ensure removal, all heavy trash should be placed curbside no later than Friday, October 15th, by 12:00 noon. Due to State laws governing the operation of the Shenandoah County Landfill, the Town is unable to remove old tires. Please contact the Town office for questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

FARMERS MARKET SATURDAYS

Help the Local Growers & Bakers!
Shop Local First Please
197 East Lee Highway (Route 211 East) New Market
Saturdays until October 30th – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

NEW MARKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

The New Market Fire Department would like to thank the public that continues to support our organization. Several successful fundraisers were held during the months of July and August. For the first time in many years, a carnival was held July 1 – 4. It was a huge success, netting a profit of \$7656.05 which was split with the New Market Area Rescue Squad. Many thanks go to the members of both organizations and volunteers of the community who helped.

The Fire Department and Rescue Squad sponsored the Betty Petit and Jim Blosser Memorial Golf Tournament held in July at The Shenvalee. We thank all the teams that came out and participated in this annual event which netted nearly \$2,000 each for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Both of the above fundraisers were joint efforts and turned out great. We look forward to the merger of these two organizations and feel that it will be a huge benefit to the community.

The Fire Department rented tables and sold hot dogs and drinks for the Annual Yard Crawl held on August 14th. Several of the parties who rented last year returned for this year's event, plus there were new ones. We are grateful to the vendors and the buyers who made this a success and plan to do it again next year.

CHIEF'S REPORT

	No. of Calls	Shenandoah Co.	Rockingham Co.
May 2010	30	28	2
June 2010	29	22	7
July 2010	33	23	10

The 23 calls in Shenandoah County for July 2010 included the following:

Structure Fires	1	Auto-Fire Alarms	1
Motor Vehicle Crashes	6	Vehicle Fires	3
E.M.S. Assist	3	Public Service	4
Outside Fires	3	Smoke Investigation	2

The 10 calls in Rockingham County for July 2010 included the following:

Vehicle Fires	1	Grass Fire	1
Smoke Investigation	1	Motor Vehicle Crashes	5
Public Service	1	E.M.S. Assist	1

The New Market Volunteer Fire Department is here to assist the community in any way we can. Thanks again for all your support.

COHEE GARDEN CLUB NEWS AUGUST 2010

The Cohee Garden Club met at the New Market Library the evening of August 2nd. Members of the Mount Jackson Club were our guests as well as a few members of the public.

Ruth Garretson presented a program on Rain Gardens. The program covered the importance of rain gardens, how to create a rain garden and the development of the two rain gardens at the New Market Library. A tour and discussion of the library rain gardens was provided.

On August 10th, six members of the Cohee Garden Club judged landscaping in the town. The overall winners were:

Residence: Dana and Anna Palmer, 991 Clicks Lane

Business: Jalisco Restaurant, 9403 S. Congress Street

Container: Ruth Reedy, 9262 John Sevier

Hanging Plants: James and Barbara Wine, 9488 John Sevier

Tree Planting: Resident(s), 241 Pelham Drive

POLICE BLOTTER

July was a busy month. There were 330 calls for service. There were 5 motor vehicle crashes, 10 physical arrests 8 DUI's, 1 narcotics violation and 1 on an outstanding warrant from another jurisdiction. During the month officers made 156 traffic stops, issued 56 summonses for various traffic violations and responded to 39 mutual aid calls to other agencies.

The National Night Out was a resounding success. It was estimated that between 200 and 250 people attended this year's event. The police department would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their help and support: Joyce and Rivers Loy, Mary Alice Burch, Amber Rinker, Faye Peery, B.J. Sager, Inc., the Target store of Harrisonburg, UTZ Potato Chips, New Market Poultry, The Shenvalee, Pepsi Cola of Central Va., and all the Police and Auxiliary Officers. Without everyone's help this event would not have been possible.

This month's crime tip is also a safety tip: It's time for school. As your young children are waiting for the bus in the morning or arriving home in the afternoon, please keep an eye on them to be sure that they get on the bus or come directly home after school. You can use the help of an older, responsible brother or sister to help you with this task. Have a talk with your children about watching out for traffic while waiting for the bus. The police will be following the buses again this year looking for those drivers that don't stop while the bus is loading or unloading your children.

The next neighborhood Watch meeting will be Thursday, October 7, 2010 at the town hall at 7:00 pm. Please remember to Buckle Up!

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Board of Directors extends condolences to the family of our Vice-President, Larry Roberts, on the passing of his father, Miller Roberts.

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

Registration forms have been mailed for our 16th Annual Craft Show, which will be held October 23 - 24, 2010. Should you wish to participate in our Craft Show, please call Claudia Gray at 740-4257. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. Craft spaces are 8'x 8' for \$35.00 and 8' x a 10' for \$45.00. This is the total fee for the two-day event and all spaces are inside the building, unless you wish to be an outside vendor.

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. The cafeteria will comfortably seat 100. For an additional fee, the kitchen is also available. Call for rental prices.

Thank you for your continued support of your Community Center.

THE NEW MARKET REBELS

The New Market Rebels wish to thank their host families, ballpark volunteers, game-day staff, coaching staff, and all others who contributed so much to another successful season. The Rebels made the Valley League playoffs, but fell to Haymarket in the first round. The Rebels enjoyed a victory of a different sort when left-handed pitcher Blaine Sims from Arkansas Tech University was signed to a professional contract by the Atlanta Braves organization after an outstanding summer in New Market. Hopefully, we'll soon see another Rebels' alumnus in the major leagues!

Good luck to all the young men who represented New Market on the diamond this summer. Let the countdown begin for 2011!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The Cross Roads Inn Bed and Breakfast



The Cross Roads Inn Bed and Breakfast, located at 9222 John Sevier Road, is owned and operated by Larry and Sharon Smith and managed by Norma Mathes. The Inn features six guest bedrooms that have been decorated with antiques as well as four poster and canopy beds. They vary from cozy and quaint to spacious and elegant with beds ranging in size from double to king. A stay at the Cross Roads is a memorable experience.

We offer a 10% discount to people from the New Market Area making reservations for themselves or for visiting guests and relatives. Contact the Inn at 540-740-4157 for further information or visit our website at www.crossroadsinnva.com. We also have indoor space for small receptions and plenty of outdoor space for weddings of any size. Feel free to stop by for a tour, you are always welcome! If you would like to have your local business linked with our website please e-mail (lsmith18@juno.com) the information, we are always willing to trade.

AUDITIONS FOR MASTERWORKS CHORUS

Masterworks Chorus of the Shenandoah Valley, conducted by New Market resident, Dr. Betty Karol Wilson, will hold auditions on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 pm at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 172 High Street in Woodstock. Auditions are open to any choral singer in Shenandoah County. Scholarships are available for high school age students. Masterworks Chorus (www.masterworkschorus.com) regularly performs several concerts a year at Reformation Lutheran Church, the next one being on Dec. 5 at 3 pm. Bruce Dillon, New Market resident and owner of Movin' on Up Cleaners, is Past President of the Masterworks Chorus. Call Dr. Wilson at 740-8841 for further information.

NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The New Market Historical Society will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at the New Market Town Council Chambers at 7:30 pm. Elder John Kline was an active leader among the Brethren in our area in the middle of the 19th century. This "hero of the Valley" was a farmer, evangelist, herbal doctor, traveler, author, philanthropist and finally a Christian martyr. **Fred Garber**, a John Kline Memorial Rider, has followed trails frequented by this historic preacher and will share his history. For more information call Caroll Douglas at 740-2740 or visit our website at www.newmarkethistoricalsociety.org. Guests are welcome.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Long time New Market resident, Mr. William Freeman, recently brought to the town office a program copy of a 3 act play entitled "Aunt Silly" that was staged by New Market residents, both adults and children. Aunt Silly was played by the late Henry Tusing, father of Joe Tusing. The date is not given on the program, but it probably took place around 1950. Mr. Freeman wanted to share it with other New Market residents, so we are featuring it in this edition of the newsletter for your enjoyment.

FREE CLOTHING!

The Seventh Day Adventist Church is offering free clothing for needy people at the SDA Community Services Center, 62 West Lee Hwy. The hours are Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Thursdays from 8:30 am until noon. Questions? Call 740- 8550.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 2010

- 3 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 5 Parade of VMI Cadets
- 6 Town Office closed in observance of Labor Day**
- 7 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel 6:30 pm
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, to
Economic Development & Historic 7:30 pm
Preservation
Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 10 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 Leaf and Grass pickup
- 20 Town Council Meeting at the 7:30 pm
Town Hall
- 23 New Market Historical Society Meeting 7:30 pm
At the Town Hall
- 24 Leaf and Grass Pickup

October 2010

- 1 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 4 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: Finance & Personnel 6:30 pm
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, to
Economic Development, & Historic 7:30 pm
Preservation
- 7 Neighborhood Watch Meeting
at the town hall 7:00 pm
- 8 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 11 Town Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day**
- 12-15 Heavy Trash Pickup**
- 15 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills due**
- 18 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 23&24 Heritage Days/Annual Craft Show
- 29 Leaf & Grass Pickup

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Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

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