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SAVE ON GAS, THINK GLOBALLY BY SHOPPING LOCALLY

Within the last month gas prices reached an all time high, even adjusting for the inflationary increases of the late 1970's. Gas prices for the future are equally as grim, with gas prices predicted to continue to increase. Here are a few tips on how to squeeze more gas mileage out of your car. Also don't forget about our local business owners who can provide many of the daily needs that you may be driving dozens of miles for during the week. Shopping locally is not only better on your gas budget, it reduces greenhouse emissions and supports the local economy. Just because a business owner does not currently carry what you want does not mean they will not stock it if you ask and they know you will return as a customer.

Ten Common Tips on Improving Fuel Efficiency:

- Check your air filter. A dirty air filter restricts air flow into the engine and therefore reduces engine performance making your car work harder and burn more gas.
- Check your tire pressure and maintain it to the manufacturer's specifications. In addition, custom made tires or aggressive tread tires decrease fuel economy.
- Keep wheels aligned for better mileage - Longer tire life too.
- Slow Down and maintain speed. Driving the speed limit and maintaining a constant speed improves gas mileage. Driving over the speed limit decreases fuel economy.
- Accelerate with care. Jack-rabbit starts waste fuel as does racing to the next stop light only to slam on your breaks.
- Avoid panic stops. When possible, coast to stops such as traffic lights.
- Consider using windows and not the A/C.
- Car pool, walk, take a bike or use public transport.
- Plan your trips to include as many errands as possible.
- Record all gas purchases for tax deduction purposes.

Using these tips should result in better fuel economy and considerable savings at the pump.

NEW MARKET POLICE BLOTTER FEBRUARY 2008

February was a busy month with 425 calls for service. There were 3 physical arrests; two for being Intoxicated in Public and one for Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Distribute. There was one Sexual Assault and two Assault & Batteries reported. There were two B&E's with a property loss of \$965.00. During the month the police department made 93 traffic stops, with 68 warnings issued, and responded to 36 mutual aid calls to other agencies.

On March 6, 2008 the monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting was held at the New Market Town Hall. David Ferguson, the guest speaker, gave a presentation on fire safety. The next meeting will be on April 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

TOWN ELECTION

Tuesday, May 6th, 2008 is Election Day for the Town of New Market. Polls will open at 6 am and close at 7 pm. Voters should go to the same polling place as they would for any other election.

The following candidates are running for Mayor:

John H. Blosser • Ripley R. Click • Larry M. Smith

The following candidates are running for Council Member:

Mary Alice Burch
Harry A. Durrett
Troy E. Fadeley
Charles "Eddie" Litten

Please be sure and support your local government by coming out to vote on Election Day.

NEW MARKET TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008

The Council took the following actions at the March 2008 meeting:

- By unanimous vote, the Council approved a conditional use permit requested by Dr. Jeffrey Burns for more than one main use in the B-1 zoning district at 9634 S. Congress Street. Dr. Burns is constructing a new facility to house his dental practice and a Day Spa at this location.
- By unanimous vote, the Council approved a conditional use permit requested by Donald and Carmen Conard establishing more than one main use in the B-1 zoning district at 9357 N. Congress Street. This property is the former Town Hall and was originally known as the Rouss Opera House. The Conards have done extensive remodeling to the structure and plan the operation of an assembly hall, teaching of art and music lessons, and the operation of a recording studio. The approval was contingent upon the following of several staff recommendations regarding parking, noise, etc.
- Council also approved a request for a rezoning of 1.649 acres near White Mill Road by the Fraternal Order of the Eagles - Aerie 4264. The property is currently zoned R-3, High Density Residential with a Proffer of single family dwellings only. The Eagles requested that the zoning be changed to B-1, General Business with three proffer conditions. The organization is planning to expand their existing facility which will require additional parking. The property will also serve as a buffer from other future adjoining uses.

LARGE TRASH PICKUP

Large Trash Pickup will be held during the week of April 7 - 11, 2008. Please leave your items at the curb and the Town maintenance crew will pick them up, but not necessarily on the day you put them out. If you have tree limbs or branches to dispose of, please tie them into manageable size bundles.

LIBRARY NEWS

April 13th - 18th, 2008 is National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library volunteers in our own New Market Area Library! It is the perfect time for you to discover how you can be involved. You may want to visit the current building on Congress Street or take a look at the construction in progress at the site of our new facility on Lee Street. If you don't already have a library card, now is the time! It would also be a great time to become a library volunteer or to make a donation to our building fund. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

A "Celebrate Books, Celebrate Spring" story time for preschoolers will be held Monday, April 14, 2008 at 10:00 am. We invite Moms to bring their little ones for this special program.

The following books have recently been added to our collection:

Best Selling Fiction:

Fast Track by Fern Michaels

Charley's Web by Joy Fielding

Dead Time by Stephen White

Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt by Anne Rice

Prisoner of Birth by Jeffrey Archer

Change of Heart by Jodi Picoult

Nonfiction:

1858 by Bruce Chadwick

Marching Toward Hell by Michael Scheuer

Coaching Youth Soccer and Coaching Youth Basketball

from the American Sport Education Program

Soccer Fitness and Injury Prevention by William Garrett, MD

What Color is Your Parachute? 2007 Edition

by Richard Nelson Bolles

Local Lore of the Shenandoah by Retta Lilliendahl and

Tammy Fulk Cullers

Choosing the President 2008 from the League of Women Voters

My Dearest Friend - Letters of Abigail and John Adams

edited by Margaret A. Hagan and C. James Taylor

Stop Whining, Start Living by Dr. Laura Schlessinger

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club held its monthly meeting on March 17, 2008 in the Shenandoah Valley Adventist Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Barbara Lauderdale and Janice White.

Tiny Jenkins presented a program on "Cacti", giving information on how to plant and care for them. She showed her three plants from her home, the Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter cacti.

Plans are being made to attend the Shenandoah District Spring Meeting in Staunton on April 3, 2008. The Club Birthday Luncheon will be held at Denny's Restaurant in Mt. Jackson on April 21, 2008.

Those receiving blue ribbons on horticulture were Virginia Thompson, 3; Lois Coon, 2; Barbara Lauderdale, 2. Virginia Thompson was awarded blue ribbons on two potted plants.

NEWS FROM THE NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New Market Area Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Banquet on Thursday March 13th, 2008 at the Johnny Appleseed Restaurant. The theme for this year's banquet was "The Fabulous Fifties". There were seventy-seven people in attendance. The Chamber presented the following awards:

- **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** went to Endless Caverns and was presented to Ms. Regina Angeline (Marketing Director & Caverns Manager).
- **OUTSTANDING CIVIC ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR** went to the New Market Rotary Club.
- **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** went to Ms. Mary Alice Burch.
- Two **PRESIDENTS AWARDS** were presented. The recipients were Sandy Turner (Greater Atlantic Bank) and Mayor Tom Constable, the chamber's outgoing treasurer.
- John Crim presented a **SPECIAL AWARD** to Larry Smith for his work with the Chamber.

A silent auction was held during the banquet. It was announced that \$1513.00 had been raised.

John Crim, the current Chamber's Vice President will serve as President for 2008-2009, and the Current President, Larry Smith, will serve as Treasurer. A Vice President is still being sought.

The Chamber would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's banquet a big success. A Special Thanks goes to Rebecca & Randy Newland, Sandy Turner, Larry Orebaugh, and Larry Smith for the great job they did with the decorations.

We would like to welcome the following new business to our community:

- Bill Turner Inc. of New Market

The Chamber would also like to welcome the following new members:

- Bill Turner Inc. of New Market (Susan Betcher & Lynnwood Foltz)
- Mr. Dick Neese (Individual Contributor)
- Brown Exterminating (Gene Anderson Manager) Stanardsville, VA.

The Chamber will hold meetings on the following **Tuesdays** in 2008:

(Several of the dates were incorrect in the March newsletter)

April 8	Johnny Appleseed	12:00 - 1:00 pm
May 13	Johnny Appleseed	12:00 - 1:00 pm
June 10	Thrivent Financial	5:00 - 7:00 pm
July 8	Southern Kitchen	12:00 - 1:00 pm
August 12	Shen.Valley Academy	12:00 - 1:00 pm
September 9	New Market Battlefield	5:00 - 7:00 pm
October 14	Southern Kitchen	12:00 - 1:00 pm
November 11	To be decided	
December 16	To be decided	

These meetings are open and we welcome attendance from both members and non-members.

MARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Personnel: All members were present for the March 2008 meeting. There was no new or old business on the agenda. Mr. Vass announced that the first budget draft would be delivered to members on Friday, March 7, 2008.

Public Works: All members were present for the meeting. Mr. Vass gave several updates on recent issues. The first was regarding the Broadway Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility concept. He reported that he had a draft contract from Broadway which has been reviewed by Town Attorney Jason Ham and is also being reviewed by Stearns and Wheler engineer William Johnson. Committee members stated that they still had many questions concerning regionalization of wastewater treatment.

Mr. Vass was pleased to report that after April 11, 2008 the Phase I Inflow and Infiltration Project would be put out for bids. Construction should be started around June 2008.

Mr. Vass also gave an update on a potential VDOT Revenue Sharing Project, Shady Lane. This project originally addressed drainage only at a cost of about \$130,000. VDOT reviewed the plans and made some alterations which raised the cost to \$240,000. The Town then submitted a request to VDOT to do a revenue sharing project in which the Town would carry 50 per cent of the cost. VDOT proposed that they would only consider this project if it included sidewalks. This addition pushed the cost up to \$310,000, half of which the Town would be responsible for. Mr. Vass suggested putting \$155,000 into this year's budget to be held for the project although there is no guarantee that VDOT will fund the remaining half.

Public Safety: All members were present for the March 2008 Public Safety Meeting. Chairman Comer called upon Chief Peery for an update on the newly hired police officer.

Chief Peery announced that Mike Miller has been hired to fill the open position. Officer Miller has about two years experience and was previously employed by the Town of Mt. Jackson. He will be working the night shift for the Town of New Market.

Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation Committee: All Committee members were present. Regarding the streetscape project, Mr. Vass reported that the Town has entered into a contract negotiation phase with a Charlottesville based planning firm. Land Planning and Design Associates specialize in downtown enhancement design and project management. Design work should begin this spring.

The Committee viewed the final draft of the street map project. If everyone approves of the draft, production of the map will begin shortly. It should be ready by mid May 2008.

The Committee discussed proposed improvements to the tennis courts. It was noted that the County had denied a request to share in the cost of these improvements. Mr. Litten suggested asking the County to reconsider the Town's request.

Ms. Burch announced that there would be a July 4th planning meeting on March 12th, 2008 at the Town Hall. She urged all interested parties to attend.

Planning Commission: Chairman Bill Stevenson called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Commission held a joint public hearing with Town Council for more than one main use at 9634 S. Congress Street. The proposed uses are dental office and day spa. The Commission voted to recommend approval of the application.

A joint public hearing with Town Council for more than one main use was also held for the operation of an assembly hall, art and music lessons, and a recording studio at 9357 N. Congress Street. The Commission voted to recommend approval of this request with conditions. A parking waiver request by the Conards was also approved.

Another joint public hearing with Town Council was held for the rezoning of 1.649 acres of land on White Mill Road from R-3 to B-1 with proffers. The Commission voted to recommend approval of the request.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on June 17; September 4; October 8 and November 14. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021. Ladies, please call and schedule your mammogram.

The Center will hold our 15th Annual Craft Show on October 25 & 26, 2008. Should you have any questions, please call Claudia Gray (740-4257). Registration forms will be mailed the first week of July. We have no plans to increase rental fees for craft spaces.

Plan to attend The Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle Club "picking sessions" at the Center on Friday nights (7:00 p.m.). Admission is free. Snacks and coffee are available for a small fee.

Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 2008

- 3 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
At the Town Hall
- 7 Council Committee Meetings 6:30 pm
In the following order: (1) Finance
And Personnel (2) Public Works TO
(3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic
Development, & Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 7 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 7 - 11 Large Trash Pickup
- 11 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 21 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 25 Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills
Before Disconnect**
- 25 Leaf and Grass Pickup

May 2008

- 2 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 5 Council Committee Meetings 6:30 pm
In the following order: (1) Finance
And Personnel (2) Public Works TO
(3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic
Development, and Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 5 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6 Election Day
- 9 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 17&18 Battle of New Market Reenactment 10:00 am-5:00 pm
- 19 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 25 Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills
Before Disconnect**
- 26 Town Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day**
- 30 Leaf and Grass Pickup

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TOWN COUNCIL

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Mary Alice Burch • Ripley R. Click • Gary D. Comer • Troy Fadeley • Charles E. Litten
Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

Evan L. Vass <i>Town Manager</i> Charles Peery <i>Police Chief</i> Jeanne K. Rinker <i>Town Clerk</i>	Chad Neese <i>Town Planner/Zoning Administrator</i> Michael Ritchie <i>Public Works Director</i> Teresa Green <i>Treasurer</i>
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