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NEWS FROM THE NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New Market Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual Banquet at the Quality Inn Banquet Room on March 13th, 2008 from 6:00-9:00 pm. The banquet will celebrate the 80th Anniversary (1928 - 2008) of the Chamber of Commerce. The theme for this year's banquet will be the "Fabulous Fifties". Tickets for this can be purchased at the New Market Chamber of Commerce, or call 540-740-3212.

The New Market Heritage Days event has been changed to August 23rd and 24th, 2008 to coincide with the 20th Annual Valley Cruisers "Rod Run to the Park". The members of the Valley Cruisers will take part in the parade on Saturday the 23rd and host their car show at Rebel Park on the 24th. The Chamber will coordinate the Craft Show and other Heritage activities with the Valley Cruisers. We are looking forward to a great event.

We would like to welcome the following new businesses in our community:

Bella Damen Moxie
Generations Creations
Shenandoah Audio Visual/Opera House
Shenandoah CPR, Inc.
Casual Friday

We encourage everyone to support the new businesses and all the businesses in the New Market Area.

The Chamber would like to welcome the following new members :

Mr. Don Conard & Son (Shenandoah Audio-Visual/Opera House)
Mr. David Christ (Shenandoah CPR, Inc.)
Mr. Glen Turner (Mountain Valley Home Comfort, Inc.)

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

February 12	Shenandoah Place	5:00 - 7:00 pm
March 11	Southern Kitchen	12:00 - 1:00 pm
April 15	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 15	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 7	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.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166

On Friday and Saturday, March 15th and 16th, 2008 the Legion will sponsor a Craft Show. A yard sale will also be held at the rear of the building. Interested persons may call Tom Wilkins at 740-4189.

On March 8th, 2008 the monthly Chicken Barbecue sales will begin. They will be held the 2nd Saturday of each month throughout the season. The chicken is sold at the Suntrust Bank parking lot and also at the American Legion. Come out and get some of Bob's good chicken!

Shrimp suppers are held at the Legion the 3rd Friday of each month.

We still have a container at the top of the parking lot for used flags. They will then be disposed of properly.

Anyone interested in joining the American Legion may call Charlie White at 740-3437.

Our social hall is available for rent for all those special occasions. For details call 740-4189.

Watch the Newsletter "Our Town" and the "North Fork Journal" for other upcoming events.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

The Town is in need of an individual to provide swimming lessons and instruction at the New Market Community Pool for the 2008 season.

The lessons will include beginner (entry level) and more advanced instruction in a small group atmosphere. Lesson times will vary dependent upon the instructor's schedule and schedules at the pool (morning or evening).

Interested candidates must possess and be able to provide a water safety instructor certificate. A completed town employment application is required. Applications are available online at www.newmarketvirginia.com/employment or at the Town Offices at 9418 John Sevier Road.



LIBRARY NEWS

We anticipate the beginning of construction on our new building very soon and continue to raise funds. Donations toward finishing and furnishing the new library can be mailed to P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844. A new library with more hours and programs will need more volunteers. Ideal candidates enjoy reading, assisting people and should be somewhat familiar with computers. Training will be provided. Please stop by the library or call and leave a message at 740-8650.

Now is a good time to drop by and get your library card. Our book collection grows as new books are added each month. We offer a wide selection of fiction, non-fiction, biographies, a selection of books in large print, and reference works. Your card gives you access to books at any other library branch as well. Requested books arrive weekly at New Market via the county courier service.

Here are a few books by best selling authors that arrived in January:

Last Call by James Grippando
Bleeding Kansas by Sara Paretsky
The Shooters by W.E.B. Griffin
The Chameleon's Shadow by Minette Walters
Plum Lucky by Janet Evanovich
Blasphemy by Douglas Preston
Beverly Hills Dead by Stuart Woods
The Secret Between Us by Barbara Delinsky
Sword Song by Bernard Cornwell
Duma Key by Stephen King
The Appeal by John Grisham
Light of the Moon by Luanne Rice
The Killing Ground by Jack Higgins
Sizzle and Burn by Jayne Ann Krentz
The Purrfect Murder by Rita Mae Brown

An online book club is now available, free of charge, through the Shenandoah County website. Every day, Monday through Friday, members will receive a five-minute selection from a chapter of a book. Book clubs will include an array of genres: Fiction, Business, Science Fiction, Audio, Non-fiction, Romance, Mystery, Pre-publication (sneak previews), Teen, Good News, and Horror. Find more information on the website or at the library.

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club held its monthly meeting on January 21, 2008 in the Shenandoah Valley Adventist Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Ingrid Flowers and Tiny Jenkins.

Ethel Garber gave tips on taking care of indoor plants. The program, "Ferns" was presented by Nancy Gosnell. Each member received information on the many types of outdoor ferns.

Plans are being made for the Birthday Luncheon to be held in April.

Ethel Garber received a blue ribbon on horticulture. Nancy Gosnell received two blue ribbons on potted plants. Ingrid Flowers received a blue ribbon on the table arrangement.

DELBERT L. "RONNIE" SKEENS

1949 - 2008

The Town of New Market has lost a faithful and dedicated employee. Our friend and co-worker, Ronnie L. Skeens passed away Saturday, January 19th, 2008 at the Life Care Center of New Market where he had been a patient since November, 2007. Ronnie's employment with the Town began in 1994. As the chief water plant operator he represented the Town with dedication, efficiency, and honesty. His kindness and concern for his family, friends, and co-workers will long be remembered.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

Our fund raising letters have been mailed to New Market residents and the Alumni members. We have begun to receive donations, and we thank you for your support. Our natural gas bill last year was more than \$13,500. Our liability insurance averages \$2,700 per year and the power bill more than \$2,800. Rental fees collected in 2007 were around \$11,500. We cannot operate the Center solely on rental fees. The Center's future is dependent upon contributions in addition to the rental fees. We are a non-profit [501©(3)] corporation. All donations to the Center are tax-deductible. Thank you for your past donations and we hope you will continue to support the Center.

The Rockingham Memorial Hospital Mammography Van has finalized their schedule with the Center for 2008. The dates the Van will be at the Center in 2008 are: April 8; June 17; September 4; October 8 and November 14. Please schedule your mammogram as soon as possible. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021. The Center wishes to thank RMH for offering this service to the ladies of New Market and the surrounding area.

Plan to attend The Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle Club "picking sessions" at the Center on Friday nights (7:00 p.m.). Admission is free and snacks 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.

JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

Finance and Personnel: All members were present, but the Committee had no new business to discuss at the regular monthly meeting. Chairman Fadeley reported that he was calling a special meeting of the Committee to be held on Thursday, January 10th, 2008 to consider the Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Troy Fadeley called the January 10th, 2008 meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee to order and established a quorum of members was present. Mr. Fadeley addressed the first item on the agenda which was the discussion and consideration of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Mr. Vass went through the CIP line by line and gave explanation for each line item. Committee members made a few changes in line items such as replacing four in-car camera systems in the police cruisers entirely in fiscal year 2008 - 2009, rather than spreading the cost out over the next three fiscal years. Committee members also agreed to create a sinking fund for the Memcor Filter Replacement, with \$25,000 set aside each year for the next four fiscal years, rather than pay \$50,000 in fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12. After a full review of the CIP, a motion was made to present the CIP with the changes to full Council. Committee Members then went into Closed Session as authorized by Virginia State Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) to discuss personnel matters.

Public Works: Chairman John Blosser called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 pm. All members were present. Also present were Mr. William Johnson and Mr. Gary Rookstool, engineering consultants from Sterns and Wheler, LLC. They presented a feasibility study conducted by their firm which outlined the projected cost(s) of conveying New Market's wastewater to the Broadway treatment facility. The conclusion was that there are numerous pros and cons to be considered and the options must be carefully weighed in order to reach a decision by the fast approaching deadline.

Public Safety: Mr. Comer called the meeting to order and noted that all members were present. There was no business on the agenda, so the meeting was adjourned.

Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation: Ms. Burch called the meeting to order. All members were present. There was no new business on the agenda. However, Ms. Burch reminded the Council that it was time to start planning the 4th of July Celebration for 2008. She stated that in the past, a Council Member has been Chairman of the Planning Committee. She asked Mr. Gary Comer if he would be willing to serve in that capacity for this year's celebration. Mr. Comer responded that he would consider it and give her an answer in the near future. The meeting was then adjourned.

Planning Commission: Chairman John Blosser called the meeting to order. All members were present. A joint public hearing was held with the Town Council on the rezoning of 31.7 acres requested by Virginia Lutheran Homes. The Commission voted to recommend approval of this rezoning from R-2

(medium density residential) to R-3 (high density residential). This land is located adjacent to Congress Street and East Lee Highway.

The Board held the Election of Officers for 2008. William Stevenson was elected Chairman, Tom Linski, Jr. was elected Vice Chairman, and Chad Neese was re-elected Secretary.

The Planning Board also voted to approve Bylaws for 2008.

POOL STAFF NEEDED

The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2008 season. Positions include lifeguards and pool manager(s). Lifeguards must currently have, or be able to obtain prior to the season, a Red Cross certification. Interested candidates must be willing to work flexible hours.

We are also looking for a pool manager(s). Candidates should also possess a Red Cross certification and have prior experience as a lifeguard.

Applications for employment are available on the Town's website www.newmarketvirginia.com/employment or at the Town Office, 9418 John Sevier Road.

This is a great opportunity for summer employment and a way to make some extra cash. The Pool opens May 24, 2008. Applications are due no later than Friday, April 4, 2008.

NEW MARKET TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008

Following a lengthy and informative discussion, the Town Council voted to approve the request by Virginia Lutheran Homes to rezone 31.7 acres from R-2 to R-3. In conjunction with the rezoning, the organization will donate 1.3 acres to Shenandoah Memorial Hospital for an outpatient clinic. Mayor Constable cautioned Council members that approving the request could set a precedent and impact future zoning for many years. He also asked them to consider whether property should be rezoned to make it more valuable, and whether the rezoning and hospital construction should be linked when casting votes. Following questions and comments from several citizens and Council members, the motion to approve the rezoning passed on the following roll call vote: ayes (3) nays (2). Councilman Gary Comer was absent.

Council also voted to adopt the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fiscal years 2009 - 2014 capital improvement schedule.

In other action the Council voted to extend the Town Manager's contract a period of five years. His present contract expires November 2008. They also voted to increase his salary by \$2500.00 per year. Mr. Litten reiterated the fact that Mr. Vass has done an outstanding job and is indeed an asset to the Town.

Regarding the amendment to the agenda, consideration of Treasurer Teresa Green's salary, the Council voted to increase her salary by \$5000.00. This was to fulfill part of her employment agreement. Mr. Fadeley reported that she has done an excellent job and caught on very quickly in the relatively short time of her employment.

Following a brief closed session to discuss personnel matters, the meeting was adjourned.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2008

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| 4 | 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 |
| 4 | Planning Commission Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 7 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting
At the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills Due | |
| 18 | Town Office Closed in Observance of
Presidents Day | |
| 18 | Town Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 25 | Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer
Bills before Disconnect | |

March 2008

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| 1 | Business Licenses Due | |
| 3 | Council Committee Meetings
In the following order: (1) Finance
And Personnel (2) Public Works
(3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic
Development, & Historic Preservation | 6:30 pm

TO

7:30 pm |
| 3 | Planning Commission Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 6 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting
At the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 9 | Daylight Savings Time Begins | |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills Due | |
| 17 | Town Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 25 | Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills
Before Disconnect | |
| 27 | New Market Historical Society Meeting
At the Town Hall | 7:30 pm |

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

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