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NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New Market Area Chamber of Commerce office and volunteers are busy working on this year's **Summer** Heritage Day's Event which will be held August 23 & 24, 2008. Cards of invitation have been sent out to vendors and some replies have been received. The Heritage Day Committee will be meeting soon to continue planning for the event.

The Chamber has new officers for the coming year. They are: Mr. John D. Crim, President; Mr. Mike Davis, Vice-President; Mr. Larry Smith, Treasurer. We welcome each of them to their new roles in the Chamber and know they will do a great job.

We would like to welcome the following new business locating in our community: **Value Printing Services, LLC.**

The Chamber would also like to welcome the following new members as of April 15, 2008:

- **Value Printing Services, LLC (George Cain, Owner)**
- **United Bank (Ingrid Thompson - Business Development Specialist)**

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

The Chamber will hold its monthly meetings on the following **Tuesdays** in 2008.

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

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS APRIL 21, 2008

A special meeting of the New Market Town Council was held at 7:00 pm at which time a public hearing was held to receive public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Budget. Mr. Vass delivered a Power Point presentation which gave an overview of proposed revenue and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. He noted that the only fee proposed to increase is the monthly trash fee which will increase by \$1.53 per month beginning with the August 1, 2008 utility bill.

One citizen inquired if the repair of the Shady Lane drainage problem is included in the expenditures for FY 2008-2009. Mr. Vass replied that Shady Lane will be a proposed revenue sharing project with VDOT. VDOT has put on hold revenue sharing projects until further notice.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was called into session at 7:30 pm by Vice-Mayor John Blosser. The Council took the following actions:

- Adopted new pool admission rates for the 2008 summer season
- Voted to waive the itinerant merchants fee for the weekend of the 2008 Battle of New Market reenactment

Following reports from Committee Chairpersons, the meeting was adjourned.

NEW MARKET POLICE BLOTTER MARCH 2008

During the month of March the Police Department had 464 calls for service. There were 7 physical arrests; 3 DUI's, 2 for being Intoxicated in Public, 1 for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses, and 1 for Assault and Battery Against a Family Member. There was 1 B& E reported with a property loss of \$2,056.00. The Police Department made 105 traffic stops, issued 44 summonses for traffic violations and responded to 34 mutual aid calls to other agencies.

The Police Department is pleased to announce that a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria will soon be placed in service. You will notice a change in the graphics on this car. The colors have changed from the old blue to red and black with a new design. These colors were chosen as a tribute to Stonewall Jackson Generals and the New Market Rebels baseball team. We hope you like the new look.

On April 7, 2008 the monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting was held at the New Market Town Hall. Officer Chris Rinker spoke to the group on "What to do if you are involved in a traffic accident". The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

YARD SALES

Spring is here and so is Yard Sale season. Don't forget to come to the Town Office and obtain a yard sale permit before staging your sale. This also applies to Garage or Sidewalk Sales. A household will be allowed two free yard sales annually. If any additional sales are held, the householder must obtain an annual permit for a fee of \$25.00. Each sale cannot exceed a seventy-two (72) hour consecutive period. **All signs associated with such sales must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the conclusion of the sale.**

POOL RATES FOR THE 2008 SUMMER SEASON

Due to increasing costs for personnel, chemicals and utilities, it has become necessary to increase Pool Rates for the summer 2008. The new rates are as follows:

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| Child Day Pass | \$2.50/day |
| Adult Day Pass | \$3.00/day |
| Child Season Pass | \$45.00/year |
| Adult Season Pass | \$50.00/year |

Pool Parties will be set at a flat rate depending upon attendance. This rate includes the life guards' fees.

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| 0 - 49 Attendees | \$70.00/event |
| 50 - 100 Attendees | \$100.00/event |
| 101(+) Attendees | \$135.00/event |

LIBRARY NEWS

Mark your calendar for these events at the **New Market Library** in May:

May 12, 2008 - Preschool Story Hour , "Mommy and Me" at 10:00 am

May 31, 2008 - Spring Book Sale - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

We have been receiving and sorting hundreds of books, children's, mysteries, romance, non-fiction, cookbooks, religious, audio books and much more! Come find some treasures at bargain prices! Donations of gently used books may be dropped off at the library during open hours or call the library for more information at 740-8650. We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or Reader's Digest Condensed books.

The new library building is taking shape at the new site behind the town's Municipal Building. We are excited to see the progress and continue to accept contributions at P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

New Books at the Library:

Death Walked In by Carolyn Hart

Winter Study by Nevada Barr

Lavinia by Ursula LeGuin

Nightshade by Susan Albert

The Winding Ways Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini

Guilty by Karen Robards

Zapped by Carol Higgins Clark

Third Angel by Alice Hoffman

Wild Nights! by Joyce Carol Oates

Where Are You Now? by Mary Higgins Clark

The Miracle at Speedy Motors by Alexander McCall Smith

Hold Tight by Harlan Coben

The Whole Truth by David Baldacci

Third Circle by Amanda Quick

Santa Fe Dead by Stuart Woods

Quicksand by Iris Johansen

Sunday at Tiffany's by James Patterson

WATER/SEWER AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN

Do you want to avoid late fees on your water bill? Do you want to save postage or a trip to the Town Office? Sign up for the Automatic Payment Plan to pay your water and sewer bill. It is free and easy. Under the Automatic Payment Plan you will continue to receive a bill in the mail each month. The Amount Due is the amount that will be deducted from your bank account for that particular month. This deduction is normally made around the 15th of the month. Authorization forms are available at the Town Office or by calling 540-740-3432.

GARDEN CLUBS

COHEE GARDEN CLUB NEWS:

The Cohee Garden Club met at the New Market Community Center on March 3rd, 2008. Ruth Garretson and Ruby Rinker were the hostesses.

Janet Heishman, owner of the Gabalot Nursery in Strasburg, presented a program on "Tips and Tricks for the garden". She told us that many household items were useful to prevent diseases and deter bugs as well as being cheaper and environmentally friendly. One tip she shared was to use a mixture of four parts milk to seven parts water to spray tomatoes. This helps to protect them from disease and deters bugs. This method has been used in South America for generations.

On April 8, 2008 the Club celebrated their 56th birthday with a luncheon at Edinburg Antiques and Tea Room. The atmosphere and food were both superb. We were delighted to have two of our honorary (and charter) members join us.

We are planning a reception to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our club being chartered by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Federation of Garden Clubs. This event will take place on Monday, May 5, 2008 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Public officials and members of garden clubs in the Shenandoah District will be invited to join us. We extend an invitation to all residents of the New Market area to join us.

May will also mark the beginning of the "Yard of the Month" program for New Market. So with the beautiful weather, now is the time to spruce up your yard!

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB:

The New Market Garden Club celebrated its 80th birthday on April 21, 2008 with a luncheon at Denny's Restaurant in Mt. Jackson. It was a time of looking back and remembering trips, meetings, programs and people of the past who have influenced the Club.

Virginia Thompson spoke of the different projects and activities of the Club over the past years. She had an extensive display of New Market Garden Club memorabilia from its beginning, including the minutes of the first Club meeting in March 1928. Ethel Garber, a member of the Club for 50 years, reminisced about the earlier years, remembering some of the members like Mrs. B.A. Guard and Mrs. A.L. Hildreth, Sr.

Janice White, Club President, received a gift of appreciation for her dedicated service to the Club. Virginia Thompson received an award for the most blue ribbons for the year on horticulture exhibits, potted plants, and artistic arrangements.

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Personnel: A special meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee was held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:00 pm to discuss the FY 2008-2009 proposed budget draft #2. Mr. Vass provided a list of changes that had been made since the first meeting on the proposed budget held on March 26, 2008. He noted that the Pool Revenue account had been increased to reflect the proposed increase in pool rates for the summer 2008 season. This increase was proposed at a special public works meeting in late March and will come before the full Council at the April meeting. If passed, the increase will go into effect this fiscal year.

Mr. Vass stated that he felt the proposed budget was ready to be brought to a public hearing. It was decided to hold the public hearing at 7:00 pm on April 21, 2008, the same evening as the regular town council meeting.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee, held later the same evening, the Committee voted to recommend to full Council the waiving of the itinerant merchants' fees for the weekend of the Battle reenactment.

Public Works: The Committee discussed the installation of a 2 inch water line at Rebel Park for irrigation purposes, as requested by the Rebel's organization. Since the cost of this project is indefinite, the Committee decided to delay any action until more definite financial information is available. The Rebels have also requested building an addition to the current shelter. This involves a setback issue which could be resolved by the acquisition of 0.08 acres from the New Market Community Center to the Town of New Market. The Committee suggested that Mr. Vass make this request to the Community Center in writing.

The Committee discussed the potential disposition of the former Smith Creek Water Filtration Plant. Mr. Neese provided a memo outlining State requirements and other items to consider before taking any further steps in that direction. The Committee voted to have Mr. Vass determine the appraised value of the property.

Following an update on the status of the Broadway-New Market Regional Wastewater Facility, Mr. Vass scheduled a site visit for Council Members and others to the facility for the following week.

Public Safety: Chairman Gary Comer called upon Chief Peery to give an update on the new police cruiser. Chief Peery reported that the vehicle is in, but is now having radio equipment installed. He added that the graphics are being changed from the old blue and white to red and black. The new graphics are a tribute to the Stonewall Jackson Generals and the New Market Rebels.

Chief Peery also reported that VDOT will be replacing concrete at the intersection of route 11 and 211 east. This repair is scheduled to take place at 7:00 pm on April 20, 2008 until 8:00 am the following morning.

Public Works Director, Mike Ritchie reported that he recently met with a VDOT associate and presented a list of needed road repairs in town. Communication was very positive and Mr. Ritchie anticipates most of these requested repairs being accomplished this year.

Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation Committee: Mr. Vass reported to the Committee that a contract has been drawn up between the Town of New Market and Land Planning and Design Associates for the downtown enhancement project (streetscape). He and VDOT have reviewed the contract

and sent it back for revisions. It is hoped that the contract can be signed within approximately a week. The cost falls in line with what the Town estimated for the total cost of professional services, which is under \$200,000.

The Committee discussed the newly created Town Street map and how it is to be distributed. It was agreed to allot each advertiser and also other businesses 25 copies to start. The Committee also agreed to have Mr. Vass write a letter of thanks to Mr. Irvin Magin who initiated the project and helped it along the way. The letter will also be signed by each Council Member.

Mary Alice Burch stated she had received several complaints from citizens regarding excessive signage in the downtown area, and also of livestock being kept in town. She had passed this information on to Town Planner, Mr. Chad Neese.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The New Market Community Center, Inc. has been asked to participate in the 4th of July Celebration at the Town Park. We are pleased to sponsor the 2nd annual 4th of July Yard Sale. There will be no pre-registration, and no advance payments accepted. Claudia Gray will collect the rental fees at or around 7 a.m. Vendors, bring your tables and pay only \$10.00 for each table. No farm wagons, please. The Center cannot furnish tables. Check-in time will begin at 5:30 a.m. with the yard sale hours being 7:00 am - 12:00 noon. The yard sale will be held at the tennis courts - signs will be posted.

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. RMH is scheduled to host a Health Fair at the Center on October 18th. Check this newsletter for further information.

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.) through May 30th. Admission is free. Coffee 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2008

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| 1 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting At the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 2 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 5 | Council Committee Meetings In the following order: (1) Finance And Personnel (2) Public Works (3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation | 6:30 pm TO 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 144th Anniversary Reenactment | 10:00am - 5:00 pm |
| 19 | Town Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 22 | New Market Historical Society Meeting At the Town Hall | 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 | |

June 2008

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| 2 | Council Committee Meetings In the following order: (1) Finance And Personnel (2) Public Works (3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation | 6:30 pm TO 7:30 pm |
| 2 | Planning Commission Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 5 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting At the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 5 | 1st Half P/P and R/E Tax Bills Due | |
| 6 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 13 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills Due | |
| 16 | Town Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 20 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |
| 25 | Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills Before Disconnect | |
| 27 | Leaf and Grass Pickup | |

Town of New Market

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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TOWN COUNCIL

Thomas F. Constable, Jr., Mayor • John H. Blosser, Vice Mayor
Mary Alice Burch • Ripley R. Click • Gary D. Comer • Troy Fadeley • Charles E. Litten

Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

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| Evan L. Vass | <i>Town Manager</i> |
| Charles Peery | <i>Police Chief</i> |
| Jeanne K. Rinker | <i>Town Clerk</i> |

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| Chad Neese | <i>Town Planner/Zoning Administrator</i> |
| Michael Ritchie | <i>Public Works Director</i> |
| Teresa Green | <i>Treasurer</i> |

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