

OUR TOWN

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13TH ANNUAL HERITAGE DAYS FALL FESTIVAL

New Market Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring their 13th Annual Heritage Days Fall Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 27th & 28th, 2007 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will be Artisans, Craftsmen, Entertainment and Food.

The parade will feature Hannah Kiefer, Miss Virginia 2007 as the Grand Marshal. Miss Kiefer will give a public address at the New Market Opera House at 11:30 am prior to the parade.

Singer David LaFleur will headline the musical entertainment. Mr. LaFleur appeared on West Virginia Mountain Stage and The Folklife Festival Stage at the Smithsonian. Using guitar, mandolin and voice, Mr. LaFleur sings the traditional songs of the Valley and will be sure to keep your toe tapping.

Heritage Alley, located on Lee Street, will feature living history demonstrations, a pie baking contest, an oral history booth to record memories of New Market, and walking tours of the Historic District.

The Raffle Prize is a handmade quilt valued at \$650. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber Office on Lee Street between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm Monday - Friday. The tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 28.

The 7th Annual New Market Commemorative Pottery, signed and numbered Limited Edition will be for sale at the Gingham Cottage on the corner of Congress and West Old Cross Road.

NEW MARKET AMERICAN LEGION POST 166

The Sons of Legion would like to thank everyone for their support of the 4th of July lawn party. Let's make it bigger and better next year. Remember, success begins with you.

The American Legion has Bob's Chicken Barbecue the 2nd Saturday of each month. Chicken is sold at the Legion and at Suntrust Bank's parking lot.

We will again be hosting our annual Arts and Crafts Show in October for the Heritage Days Festival. Rental fees for spaces are \$40.00 for 2 days inside the building and \$18.00 for 2 days outside. Interested parties may call Tom Wilkins at 740-4189.

There is now a container at the upper side of the Legion parking lot for those old tattered flags that need to be discarded. Anyone is welcome to leave his or her old flag there and the members will tend to disposing of it properly and honorably.

If you need a place to hold a wedding reception, birthday party, or other social event, call Tom Wilkins at 740-4189 for rates and availability.

If you would like to become a member of the American Legion, call Charlie at 740-3437.

DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENT

Administrative work continues on our downtown streetscape grant. A significant hurdle was recently cleared when the Town successfully finalized the State and Federal mandated environmental review process. The Town is coordinating with the Virginia Department of Transportation to finalize a request for proposals to secure the services of an engineering/design and consulting firm that will aid the Town of New Market in designing and managing the downtown beautification project. To date, New Market has been awarded \$484,000 in federal funding to begin work on beautification projects in the downtown area. With three additional grant cycles to go, New Market could potentially be awarded up to \$1.5 million in beautification grants. In order to spend those federal dollars, New Market must meet a series of state and federal guidelines to secure publicly funded services. However, these steps do take time, as several state agencies and departments must often review documents prior to allowing the Town to proceed on specific aspects of this project. The end result will certainly be worth the red tape as New Market will have a more attractive and appealing historic district.

3rd ANNUAL COMMUNITY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Broadway v. New Market

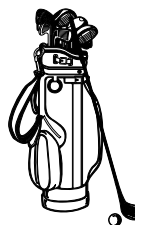
This tournament is a fundraiser for the New Market Chamber of Commerce and Broadway Hometown Partnership to fund economic and social development. The event will take place at **Shenvalee Golf Course on Thursday, October 4, 2007.**

From Noon until 1:00 pm there will be Lunch, Registration, Practice, and Contests. Shotgun Start will be at 1:05 pm.

The Registration fee is \$75.00 and includes Green Fees, Cart, Lunch, Snacks, Drink Cart, and Goodie Bag.

Registration is due by September 30, 2007. Registration forms are available at Shenvalee, Ben Franklin in Broadway, New Market Town Office, Broadway Town Office, or you may call Broadway Hometown Partnership at 896-4992.

Broadway has taken the cup two years in a row, 2005 and 2006. Come show your support for New Market and help claim the community cup for our town.



LIBRARY NEWS

The library has announced its selection of D.K. Patterson Construction of Harrisonburg as our design/building firm. Preliminary work is underway and we hope to break ground later this year. The community has been very generous in its support of the new library as evidenced by the building fund thermometer adjacent to the present library. However, still more money is needed for the building's construction and also to ensure that it has adequate furnishings and equipment. Please mail your donation to P.O. Box 450, New Market, VA 22844.

Our own Grace Brubaker has been recognized in the latest issue of the "Stoney Creek Current", the county library's quarterly publication. The article entitled, "Synonymous: New Market Library & Grace", honors Grace for over three decades of service and for her dedication and enthusiasm that have helped to make the New Market Library a special place. We are proud of Grace and very grateful to her. Copies of the "Current" are available at the library.

September is "Back to School" month! We invite students to use the library after school or on Saturday mornings to find help with school assignments. Reference works, books for book reports, and computer resources are all available at New Market Library.

NEW BOOKS:

Strip Search by William Bernhardt
Force of Nature by Suzanne Brockmann
Play Dirty by Sandra Brown
Critical by Robin Cook
Agnes and the Hitman by Jennifer Cruise
Sweet Revenge by Diane Mott Davidson
Mad Dash by Patricia Gaffner
Sandworms of Dune by Brian Herbert
The Burnt House by Faye Kellerman
Hard Row by Margaret Maron
The Careful Use of Compliments by Alexander McCall Smith
Up Close and Personal by Fern Michaels
The Museum of Dr. Moses by Joyce Carol Oates
Starburst by Robin Pilcher
The Wheel of Darkness by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child
Bones to Ashes by Kathy Reichs
The Secret Servant by Daniel Silva
Malice by Robert K. Tanenbaum

NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

This month 3 of our members have received certifications; James Bowman Jr., and Mike Bell received Firefighter I, and Bradley Lutz received Driver Pump Operator certification. We are very proud of the members who take the opportunity for such achievements.

During the month of July we answered 31 calls with an estimated 160 man-hours. From January 2007 to July 1, 2007, we have answered 199 calls with approximately 1200 man-hours. Of the calls answered, 24% were automobile accidents, 26% were EMS or other mutual aid calls, 14% were fires, and 36% were other types of alarms.

We are well on the way to getting the Fall Fling going. If you have not purchased your ticket, please see any fireman or rescue squad member. Don't forget that we have Bingo every Saturday night.

Plans are under way with Coldwell Banker Realty to host an annual open house for Fire Prevention.

If you have time and would like to volunteer, we always have openings.

We remain "At Your Service".

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

COHEE GARDEN CLUB:

The Cohee Garden Club has been busy during the month of August. On Tuesday, August 7th, we traveled to The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester for a tour and tasting of the vegetable and herb gardens. Mary Stickley, head of the gardens, gave an interesting talk on the history of each of the plants while we savored the samplings. She also provided useful tips and information on successful organic gardening.

On Monday, August 6th, the club did our annual judging of landscapes and plantings in the town of New Market. The Cohees awarded 29 blue, 20 red and 1 yellow award that morning. As we had requested that the residents and businesses plant red, white and blue in celebration of the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, we added an award this year for the best one. Later, a few of us went back to select and photograph the overall winners.

On Tuesday, August 21st, the Cohees held a reception at the Apple Blossom Inn for all of those who received awards and to announce and present certificates to the overall winners. The 2007 winners are:

Best Residence: Reed and Myra Lowry, 9034 N. Congress St.
Best Business: The Christmas Gallery, 9373 N. Congress
Best Container: The Christmas Gallery, 9373 N. Congress
Best Window Box: Merrill and Janet Ware, 9509 S. Congress
Best Hanging Plants: Thrivent Financial,
Best Tree Planting: Kenneth Getz, 9501 S. Congress
Best Red, White and Blue: Mike and Delores Wean,
121 Stuart St.

The Yard of the Month for August 2007 is the residence of Mark and Ramona McDonald, 9687 S. Congress St.

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB:

New Market Garden Club held its monthly meeting August 20, 2007 in the form of an indoor picnic at the New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Hostesses were Lucille Maddox and Marion Jorden. There were eleven members and one visitor present.

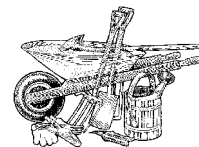
"Preparations for Judging" was the program presented by Ellen Dever with each member participating.

Plans were discussed for a special meeting with the Cohees in November, as well as for the Christmas meeting in December.

A flower arrangement for this month will be taken to Shenandoah Assisted Living Home.

Plans are being made to attend the Shenandoah District Fall Meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn in Staunton, VA in October.

Those receiving blue ribbons on horticulture were Virginia Thompson, 4; Kay Seek, 3; Ellen Dever, 2; and Dot Johnson, 5.



AUGUST COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

At the August 6th meeting of the **Finance and Personnel Committee** a discussion was held regarding the appointment of a person to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jonathan Perrotto. The Committee was given three applications. Mr. Vass announced that he had received a fourth application. The Committee voted to table the issue until the September meeting and to invite all the applicants to be present and available for questions.

The **Public Works Committee** met on August 6th and discussed street repairs and upgrades needed within the Town. It was agreed to have Mr. Vass draw up a resolution to present to VDOT addressing Click's Lane and East Old Cross Road. The resolution would be considered for approval at the August Meeting of the Town Council.

The Committee also recommended approval of two out-of-town sewer connections. The property owner requested these connections because of flooding of the drain fields, creating a potential health hazard.

In addition, The Committee voted not to appoint anyone to the Shenandoah Forum at this time. The Town had been formally asked to designate a representative to the newly formed Shenandoah Forum.

At the August 6th meeting of the **Public Safety Committee**, Mr. Danny McAlexander, local Fire Chief, spoke to the group voicing his concerns regarding the public's lack of support and understanding of the Fire Department's duties. The committee assured him of the Council's support and suggested that they submit frequent articles to the Town's Newsletter to help gain the community's support of the Fire Dept.

There was also some discussion of bicycles on Town sidewalks which is prohibited by a Town ordinance. The Committee voted to keep the ordinance as it is and to have the Police Department strictly enforce it.

The **Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation Committee** met on August 6th. There was discussion regarding a letter from Wayne Bronson of Oak Tree Productions, the company who produced the series on small towns entitled "Road Trip to History" including the DVD on New Market filmed last year. The company now wants to produce a Christmas program entitled "Ole Time Christmas from the Shenandoah Valley" and invited the Town of New Market to participate. There is an investment fee of \$1000 plus a share of the production costs. The Committee voted not to participate, due to the high cost.

Ms. Burch reminded everyone of the 3rd Annual Yard Crawl to be held Saturday, August 11. It is hoped that this event will bring many visitors into town and that local businesses will benefit as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

The **Planning Commission** held a joint public hearing with the Town Council on August 6th for a conditional use permit for more than one main use, a flower shop and an antique shop, at 9299 N. Congress St. The planning board voted to recommend approval of this permit.

The Commission discussed outdoor furniture and excessive occupancy within the Town but took no action on these items.

Also under discussion was the operation of Day Care centers in the B-1 district. The board recommended requiring a conditional use permit for such facilities.

Portable storage containers were discussed and the Town Planner was asked to look into this for approval.

NEW MARKET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007

The Council voted to approve two out-of town sewer connections on West Lee Highway for property owners Steve Custer and Steven Wolf. Although the Town's policy has been not to approve any more out-of-town connections for a period of time, flooding conditions at Mr. Custer's property could possibly pose a health hazard. This was a factor in the Council's approval.

The Council voted to approve Resolution #180 which outlines the Town's petition to VDOT to address significant road improvements within the Town outside of routine maintenance. Specific areas targeted in the resolution are Clicks Lane and East Old Cross Road.

In other Council actions, the Council approved an application for a conditional use permit submitted by Charles and Faye Peery. The permit is for more than one main use for the property at 9299 North Congress Street, namely a floral shop and an antique shop. The business will operate much in the same fashion as it has at 9363 Congress Street.

Town Manager, Evan Vass, in his monthly report, gave positive updates on various issues including Tea-21, the Shady Lane drainage project, Community Development Block Grant, and Future Growth Area.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER

Mark your calendars for the Craft Show at the Center which will be held on October 27-28, 2007. Show hours will be 10 am - 4 pm. Admission fee is \$1.00 for adults and children 12 and over. There will be door prize drawings every hour. If you would like to participate in the Craft Show, or for further information, please call Claudia Gray at 740-4257. Food will be provided at the Center by Mt. Zion Lutheran Youth.

The Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle Club will resume their "picking sessions" at the Center on Friday nights beginning October 5, 2007. Admission is free and snacks and coffee will be available for a small fee.

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

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



September

3	Town Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day	
4	Finance and Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
4	Public Works Committee	6:00 pm
4	Public Safety Committee	6:30 pm
4	Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation Committee	7:00 pm
4	Planning Commission	7:30 pm
6	Neighborhood Watch Meeting at The Town Hall	7:00 pm
7	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
14	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
15	Water/Sewer Bills Due	
17	Town Council Meeting	7:30 pm
21	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
25	Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills Before Disconnect	
27	Historical Society Meeting at The Town Hall	7:30 pm
28	Leaf and Grass Pickup	

October

1	Finance and Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
1	Public Works Committee	6:00 pm
1	Public Safety Committee	6:30 pm
1	Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation Committee	7:00 pm
1	Planning Commission	7:30 pm
4	Neighborhood Watch Meeting at The Town Hall	7:00 pm
5	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
8	Town Office Closed in Observance Of Columbus Day	
9 - 12	Large Trash Pickup	
12	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
15	Water/Sewer Bills Due	
15	Town Council Meeting	7:30 pm
19	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
25	Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills Before Disconnect	
26	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
27-28	Heritage Days Festival	
31	Observance of Halloween	

Town of New Market

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

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