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MAYOR'S CORNER

Welcome to April! April brings many changes to our surroundings. We hear the birds chirping, bees buzzing, insects flourishing and spring flowers are in full bloom. Everyone is catching spring fever. The change in season brings more sunlight, better moods, and a better climate for everyone to enjoy.

I would like to thank the New Market Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting their annual banquet held on March 18, 2016. This is a time in which local merchants and representatives from our town businesses come together.

National Volunteer Week is the week of April 10-16, 2016. The Town of New Market is hosting its annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on April 16, 2016 to thank all volunteers past and present. We encourage all volunteers of the greater New Market community and their families to come join us for this Free Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at the New Market Fire and Rescue Building on Saturday, April 16. Bring a friend and come join us! Thank you for all YOU do!

I hope you enjoy the bright long days ahead of us with winter coming to an end. Spring fever is out there and you could catch it!

Douglas C. Bradley
Mayor of New Market

ACH AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT OF YOUR UTILITY BILL

We know how busy our customers are and how quickly the due date comes around for water/sewer bills. We want to remind citizens that we offer the option of paying their water bill through automatic deduction (ACH) from their bank account each month. This could save writing a check, paying postage, or even a trip to the Town Office. Forms for ACH can be picked up in the Town Office or downloaded from the Residents tab of the Town's website, www.newmarketvirginia.com. Completed forms should be returned to the Town Office. Automatic deductions will be deducted from your bank account around the fifteenth of each month. The amount due on your bill is the amount that will be deducted from your account. If you have questions or want to know more about this service, please call the Town Office at 540-740-3432.

PAST DUE TAX COLLECTION

To ensure the collection of past due taxes, since 2007 the Town of New Market has participated in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicle Renewal Withholding Program. Taxpayers with past due personal property taxes will have a claim against them with the DMV and will not be able to renew their vehicle registration until the entire tax is paid in full along with a \$40 fee. Only cash, money orders and certified checks will be accepted for payment with a DMV stop. In addition, by authority of the Code of Virginia, §58.1-520 thru §58.1-534, the Town of New Market may also authorize the Virginia Department of Taxation to apply individual income tax refunds, or a portion thereof, to an outstanding debt owed to the Town. This action is subject to a \$20 administrative fee. If you have questions please contact the Town Office at 540-740-3432.

COMPLEMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST OFFERED TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

The Town of New Market is pleased to have a variety of citizens from all walks of life who selflessly give their time and possessions in service of the New Market community. Whether you have spent the better part of a lifetime in service at the New Market Fire Department or have contributed to your community with small acts of kindness, the New Market Town Council desires to say "Thank You".

On Saturday, April 16, 2016, in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, the New Market Town Council welcomes you to again attend a free pancake breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the New Market Fire and Rescue complex, 9771 S. Congress Street. We invite all contributors who have served the greater New Market community, regardless of how big or small the contribution. This event is free of charge and open to the public. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items from April 11th through April 15th, 2016. Please place all heavy trash curbside. Crews will not go onto private property to make collections. This service is provided to our residential customers only. 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, April 15th, 2016. Brush and limbs must be tied in bundles no longer than four feet in length. To ensure removal, all heavy trash should be placed curbside no later than Friday April 15th, 2016 by 12:00 noon. Due to State laws governing the operation of the Shenandoah County Landfill, the Town is unable to remove old tires, refrigerators, freezers, lead acid batteries, or hazardous materials such as pesticides, herbicides, paint, paint thinner, etc. For instruction on where to take the aforementioned items, you may call the Shenandoah County Landfill at 540-984-8573. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW MARKET POLICE DEPARTMENT APRIL 2016 POLICE BLOTTER

During the month of February the Police Department responded to 361 calls for service. Officers handled 8 motor vehicle crashes, made 73 traffic stops and issued 20 traffic citation.

Reminder: State law requires all motorists to stop for any stopped school bus for the purpose of taking on or discharging children, the elderly, or mentally or physically handicapped persons. The driver of a motor vehicle approaching a clearly marked school bus, from any direction, which is stopped on any highway, private road or school driveway must stop and wait for the bus to proceed. If you see a bus with yellow or red flashing lights approach with caution and be prepared to stop.

Please contact the New Market Police Department at 540-740-3776 to have your car seat checked by National Certified Child Safety Seat Technician.

LIBRARY NEWS FOR APRIL 2016

Books and Babies - Will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016 at 10 a.m. The theme will be "No Foolin'" and will feature stories, songs, chants, movement, and playing to develop skills including sharing. Books and Babies is for age's birth to three.

Preschool Story time Will be held on Friday, April 15, at 10 A.M.. The theme will be "Spring Things" and will feature books being read, songs, movement activities, and a craft. Preschool Story time is for age's three to five.

Rusty's family returns to the New Market Area Library, Tuesday, April 5th at 5:30 pm. Two years ago, Rusty the Border Terrier who is featured in the book series with the same name, visited the New Market Area Library. The Rusty books are written in journal style from a dog's point of view, and feature Rusty's travels. Rusty passed away this year, but the Adams family will return to the New Market Area Library to read some of the books with children. One of Rusty's rescue friends will accompany the Adams - Layla, a Jack Russell.

For more information on any of the activities, contact Karen Whetzel, story time coordinator, at 540-740-8589 or kswetzel@gmail.com. If children signed up for winter reading and have not turned in their log to get their free book, they should do so by April 15.

Our adult program series continues on Saturday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m. Nancy Sorrels will share what she has learned from researching Grandma Moses. Nancy has been a teacher, a two-term member of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors, an author, a publisher, and a member of the Interpretation and Education committee for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation.

World famous folk artist Grandma Moses and her husband Thomas moved to Augusta County, Va in 1887. During their 18 years living in the Shenandoah Valley, they farmed and created entrepreneurial work to make ends meet. Originally known for her "Yankee butter", it wasn't until her 70th birthday that Grandma Moses picked up a brush to paint for the first time. Without one minute's instruction in painting, she began to record the rural American life that she loved. The paintings took America by storm in the 1940's and fifties. Many depicted scenes from nearly two decades of her life in the Shenandoah Valley.

New Books at the library:

A Few of the Girls, Maeve Binchy
A Treasure Concealed, Tracie Peterson
Loving Eleanor, Susan Wittig Albert
Gone Again, James Grippando
The Gangster, Clive Cussler
Clawback, J.A. Jance
Off The Grid, C.J. Box
The Steel Kiss, Jeffery Deaver
Private Paris, James Patterson
At the Edge of the Orchard,
Tracy Chevalier

Property of A Noblewoman,
Danielle Steel
Fool Me Once, Harlan Coben
Treachery at Lancaster Gate,
Anne Perry
Brush of Wings, Karen Kingsbury
Darkness, Karen Robards
Flawless, Heather Graham
No Safe Secret, Fern Michaels
Once A Rancher, Linda Lael Miller
The Atonement, Beverly Lewis

ROTARY CLUB

April 6 - Ron Gore for Shenvallee update
April 13 - Julie Goodman to discuss Luthercrest Homes
April 20 - Club meeting
April 27 - Not available - refer to club web site

All programs start at noon in the Miller Grille of the Shenvallee. The public is invited to attend any program of interest to them. A buffet meal is available for \$13, but is not required to attend. For current club information refer to: www.newmarketrotaryclub.net

RECYCLING FACTS

Did you know the Town of New Market has a recycling center? Recycling bins are located in the parking lot at the New Market Community Center (formerly the old elementary school building). These recycling bins are provided by the county. If you have any questions regarding recycling please contact the county directly at (540) 984-8573. Items accepted for collection are paper, aluminum, tin/steel cans, glass, and plastic #1-7.

Currently, about 70 percent of cardboard-boxes shipped commercially are recovered for recycling. Many of the boxes are themselves made of recycled materials or lumber industry byproducts like sawdust and wood chips. When recycled, cardboard is used to make chipboard such as cereal boxes, paperboard, paper towels, tissues and printing or writing paper. It's also made into more corrugated cardboard.

How It's Recycled:

1. The cardboard is re-pulped and the fibers are separated and bleached. This is a chemical process involving hydrogen peroxide, sodium silicate, and sodium hydroxide.
2. The fibers are screened and cleaned to eliminate contaminants.
3. The fibers are washed to remove leftover ink.
4. Fibers are pressed and rolled into paper.
5. The rolls of paper are then converted into boxes or made into new products.

***Please remember the recycling center can only accept recyclable materials. Trash should not be left in this area.**

ADJUSTMENT POLICY FOR FILLING SWIMMING POOLS

Swimming pool adjustments will be limited to one (1) adjustment per calendar year per customer. To qualify for this annual adjustment, the customer must submit an Application for Swimming Pool Credit prior to the filling of a swimming pool. In addition, the meter must be read by Town staff before and after the filling of the pool. Customers that are billed for water only or have a water-only meter will not qualify for a pool credit. Splasher pools also known as "kiddie" pools, hot tubs, or spas will not qualify for a pool adjustment. Please contact the Town Office at 540-740-3432 for a copy of the guidelines and an Application for Swimming Pool Credit. Applications are also available on our website at www.newmarketvirginia.com.

REBEL FIREWORKS ASSOCIATION

The Rebel Fireworks Association is busy putting together a fireworks show for all of the residents of New Market and the surrounding area. The Association has signed a contract with a fireworks company from South Carolina. We will provide fun activities, bands, and community spirit on July 3, 2016 from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the New Market Community Park. We are currently holding raffles for three handmade afghans and will host a cash party and bingo as well as other fundraisers in the next couple of months. Currently, we are seeking donations from corporate or business sponsors. Please contact Kelli Penstock, Fundraising Consultant at (540) 624-2160 or Bryan Rinker, Association President (540) 325-5016, if you would like to help. We need your support! We are bringing fireworks back to New Market, thanks to you and the residents of our historic town!



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