

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

It is hard to believe but here we are at the most wonderful time of the year, a time filled with laughter, lighter hearts, and warm greetings. Take time to focus on the many blessings upon us.

Remember to “think local, shop local” and visit our town businesses during the holiday season. The Shultz Theater continues to provide interesting and fun plays for the family to enjoy. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of their shows, winter is a perfect time to do so. Most of us are looking for something fun to do to brighten the cold and short evenings of winter, and an evening play is a great way to enjoy the evening with laughter and fun.

Don't forget the 'Tis the Season Events happening around town on December 5, 2015 this year. The event has been expanded to include many activities all day beginning at 9:00 am. You can visit the Town of New Market webpage or refer to the special Holiday edition of the newsletter for more information. Take time to attend some of the events offered to our community. Grab a friend and we hope to see you there. 'Tis the Season to enjoy the holidays!

December 16, 2015 is National Chocolate-covered Anything Day. So, pick your favorite food and put some good 'ole chocolate over it. After all December is the month in which we splurge. There isn't a better way to do it than with some delicious chocolate.

Let's try together to remember those that are less fortunate. There are toy drives, food drives, bell ringing, and all sorts of ways to help those that are in need. Also remember our men and women who currently serve our country in the Armed Forces. The families of these individuals need our support during holidays when times can be tough for them as well.

I wish each of you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Christmas and my hope for you is that the New Year brings each of you peace and happiness. Once all of the hustle and bustle is put aside remember that family, friends, and those we love are what is really important. I am looking forward to the New Year with optimism. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Douglas C. Bradley
Mayor of New Market

RESPONSIBILITIES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember to do your part to keep the sidewalks open and clear for those wishing to use them this winter season. In 2004 the Town Council passed an ordinance in which property owners are responsible for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks along their property. The Town thanks you for promptly clearing your sidewalk for the benefit of not only you, but for your neighbors and the entire community as well. Please contact the town office for details pertaining to the Town Ordinance.

If you are unable to clear snow on or along your property you will need to find someone to assist you. There are many people who offer this service. It would be wise to seek out help before the winter weather arrives.

Please also maintain access to your water meter. Trimming foliage and clearing snow and ice from the lid of the meter pit can ensure proper access to your water meter. Maintaining access to your water meter will assist us with:

- Emergency shutoffs (for frozen pipes) when you are away from home or are unable to turn off the water yourself
- Emergency water meter maintenance.

NEW MARKET REBELS BASEBALL HEAD START ON 2016 SEASON



New Market Rebels' General Manager, Bruce Alger is pleased to name Zac Cole as the Rebels' Head Coach for the 2016 season. Cole, who played in the VBL for the Waynesboro Generals in 2004 is currently the head coach of an 18U travel team sponsored by Next Level Baseball in Tallahassee, Florida. He also serves as an assistant coach at the North Florida Christian School in Tallahassee.

“I am very excited for the opportunity to lead the Rebels next summer,” said Cole. “New Market has an outstanding reputation of being a first-class organization, and my goal is to bring a Valley League Championship to New Market.”

After playing collegiately at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, Florida and Tennessee Tech University, Cole was signed by Baltimore. He spent one year with the Orioles' organization. He also played independent baseball for four seasons.

“We are so excited to have a head coach with so much experience, both as a coach and as a professional player,” said Bruce Alger, President and General Manager of the Rebels. “Zac knows what it takes to improve and I believe our players will have an invaluable experience playing for him.”

Cole also served as an assistant coach at the University of Tennessee Martin, while earning his Master's of Business Administration, which was awarded in 2013.



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LIBRARY NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2015

Santa will be at the library on Saturday, December 5, 2015 after the New Market parade (which begins at 5 pm). Carolers and Santa's elves will welcome everyone to the library where children can visit with Santa and receive a special treat. Seasonal books will also be read to children by volunteers.

Our holiday book sale begins December 5, 2015 from 9 AM-1 PM and will be open during regular library hours in December. The holiday book sale will also be open in the library after the parade. The sale features holiday themed books, cookbooks and children's books in good condition, as well as library book bags and note cards!

Books and Babies Story Time/Playtime (children 3 and under) will be held Friday December 4, 2015 at 10 am. The theme will be Jingle Bells. Books and Babies is great for helping young ones develop language skills and learn to play with others through stories, songs, rhythm and movement activities.

Preschool Story Time (ages 3 -6) will be held on Friday, December 18, 2015 at 10 am. The theme will be "The Gingerbread Man." Preschool Story Time features a story, songs, movement, and a craft.

New Books at the Library:

A Christmas Escape, Anne Perry

Avenue of Mysteries, John Irving

Numero Zero, Umberto Eco

The Bazaar of Bad Dreams, Stephen King

The Crossing, Michael Connelly

The Golem of Paris, Jon Kellerman

The Japanese Lover, Isabel Allende

A Wild Swan, Michael Cunningham

Crimson Shore, Perston/Child

The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto, Mitch Albom

The Promise, Robert Craig

All Dressed in White, Mary Higgins Clark

The Guilty, David Baldacci

The Mistletoe Inn, Richard Paul Evans

The Pharaoh's Secret, Clive Cussler

Tricky Twenty -Two, Janet Evanovich

Cross Justice, James Patterson



'TIS THE SEASON



Don't miss 'Tis the Season, Saturday, December 5, 2015. Events scheduled all day. For more information visit www.new-marketvirginia.com or call the Town Office at 540-740-3432.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The Town will remove and dispose of your live discarded Christmas trees from January 4th, 2016 – January 8th, 2016. Please place your tree curbside for prompt removal.

GOT OLD CELL PHONES?



Lithium ion batteries, the battery-type found within your cellphone, contains volatile chemicals that are known to combust in waste & recycling collection trucks or at recycling processing facilities. To ensure the safety of our crews and your community, please DO NOT dispose of your old cellphones in your curbside collection or at the recycling center. Bring your phones to an electronics store, certified e-waste recycler or your local landfill for safe and proper disposal.

Make the responsible choice. Cellphones don't belong at the curb.

AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN POST 166

The Legion would like to thank everyone who came by the Post on November 8th to honor our veterans.

The steak suppers are held on the 1st Friday and shrimp suppers are held on the 3rd Friday of each month. These suppers are open to the public and are held in the club room. For any take-out orders you can call the Legion at 740-8653, Tuesday through Friday after 4:00 p.m.

For information on renting the Social Hall, call Bill at 540-480-1275. Also, for information on specials at the Post Home call Commander Tim Palmer at 540-740-3353.

For any information on the membership of the Sons of the American Legion please call Gary Cunningham at 740-8490 or Commander Tim.

Santa is coming to the Legion. For information please call Trish Driver of the Ladies Auxiliary at 740-3032.

Veterans Choice Program- If you live more than 40 miles from the VA Medical Center, and have waited more than 30 days for an appointment, call 1-866-606-8198 for further details.

If you are a veteran or know of a veteran that applied for VA benefits and was denied due to your income please reapply. Some restrictions have been changed. You may call Cindy Hughes at 1-800-817-3807, Ext. 4680, or 304-263-6776 for further information.

Any old, torn, or frayed flag can be left for proper disposal at the Post Drop Box which can be found in our parking lot. Please do not leave them in plastic bags.

Please support your Veterans and the Post!
USA – "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"

DECEMBER 2015 POLICE BLOTTER

In October, there were 395 calls for service. There were 5 motor vehicle crashes and 2 physical arrests.

This month's crime tip is a reminder, during the Holiday Season while shopping be sure to keep a close eye on your wallets and hand bags. Do not leave valuable items in your vehicle that could be seen.

**Please remember to "Buckle Up
and don't drink and drive"**

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Your local Chamber of Commerce has had a very busy few weeks recently and we hope all have enjoyed and participated in the festivities. At the end of September, the town welcomed and enjoyed the 21st Annual Heritage Days Festival. Not only were the town's merchants decked out, but there were vendors of every sort offering a variety of foods, homemade crafts, live music, and plenty of activities for the children.

During Halloween night, members of the Chamber participated in Stonewall Jackson High School's 'Trunk or Treat'. There were plenty of treats for everyone and loads of students participated in a night of fun.

Recently, Chamber members and volunteers have provided more than 250 hours of service, including greeting almost 200 visitors from eight foreign countries and 29 different U.S. states, including Virginia.

Next time that you are near our office, stop in and say "Hello", sign our visitors' book, enjoy a cup of coffee at Jackson's Café, and browse the Battlefield Foundation's superb displays and gift shop.



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

New Market is a town rich in history and steadfast in their support of our military men and women. The New Market American Legion Auxiliary, with the support of the town, is working to erect a Veteran's Memorial. The memorial will be located between the New Market Town Office and the Library.

The estimated cost of this project is \$15,000.00. As with any project of this size, it will not be an easy task, and the Auxiliary cannot do this without the help and support of the community.

We feel this is a lasting way to show our Veterans that we as a community are proud of them and appreciate all that they have done in the past and will do in the future to secure our freedom.

If you would like to donate to this project you may send checks made payable to American Legion Auxiliary (Veterans Memorial in memo) and mail to:

American Legion Auxiliary
36 Oak Lane
New Market, VA 22844

For more information or questions you may call 740-8441 or 740-3032.

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Loaves and Fishes food pantry is located in the basement of Manor Memorial Methodist Church (9320 North Congress Street). The basement entrance is located in the back of the church along John Sevier Road. The pantry is open to residents of New Market, Quicksburg, and Forestville on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Center held another successful Craft Show in October. A special thank you to Larry and Tina Roberts for selling admission tickets, Billy Stroupe for his KettleKorn and pork rinds, and Mt. Zion Lutheran Youth Group for manning the kitchen again this year and keeping us all well-fed.

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 and is air-conditioned. The kitchen is also available for an additional fee.

The New Market Lions Club holds their meetings at the Center on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. You may call 800-651-6000 for further information.

The last date this for the RMH Mammography Van year will be December 11, 2015. The appointment hours are 8 am to 4 pm. If you wish to book early, please call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021. We will post the 2016 schedule for the Mammography Van as soon as available.

Shenandoah Banjo & Fiddle Club holds their "picking sessions" at the Center 7:00 p.m. on Friday nights. Free admission. Held in the cafeteria.

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.



FREE CLOTHING

Free Clothing for Needy People available at the Seventh Day Adventist's Community Services Center (62 West Lee Highway). Hours of availability are Wednesdays 8:30 am-5:00pm and Thursdays 8:30 am- 12:00 pm. Questions? Call 740-8550.

ROTARY CLUB

December Meeting Schedule

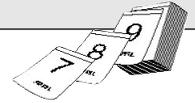
Shenvalee Golf Resort at 12:00 noon.

- 2 - Alex Wilkins, District Governor for Rotary District 7570 - Award presentation and Rotary talk.
- 9 - Shenandoah Valley Academy - Choral Group performs.
- 16 - Karen Whetzel - School Board update plus a reading program briefing.
- 23 - Club member meeting
- 30 - To be assigned



For current information visit our website:
www.newmarketrotaryclub.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



December 2015

- 4 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 5 Tis the Season Holiday Events
- 5 2nd half Tax Bills Due
- 7 Council Committee Meetings in the 6:30 pm
following Order: Finance & Personnel, Public
Works, Public Safety, Tourism, Economic
Development & Historic Preservation
- 7 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 21 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24&25 Town Office Closed in Observance of Christmas

January 2016

- 1 Town Office Closed for New Year's
- 4 Council Committee Meetings in the 6:30 pm
following Order: Finance & Personnel,
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism,
Economic Development & Historic Preservation
- 4 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 15 Town Office Closed in Observance of Lee Jackson Day
- 18 Town Office Closed in Observance of
Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
(Tuesday instead of Monday)

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

Doug Bradley, Mayor • John H. Blosser, Vice Mayor
Gary D. Comer • Peggy Harkness • Charles E. Litten • Tim Palmer • Scott Wymer
Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

Michael Ritchie *Town Manager/ Town Clerk*
Chris Rinker *Police Chief*
Chad Neese *Town Planner/Zoning Administrator*
Teresa Green *Treasurer*

Donna Lohr *Administrative Assistant*
Lindsey Kipps *Office Assistant*
Brittany Clem *Events & Marketing Director*

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