

## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

The holidays have passed and we look into the bright New Year upon us. My hope is that each of you had a wonderful holiday season filled with peace and enjoyed time with family and friends.

Now we begin to think about our New Year's resolution. Most people make resolutions such as losing weight, getting more organized, spending more time with family, spending less and saving more, etc. Making resolutions mean we must change our way of thinking and discipline ourselves. This can be a challenge at times due to the many demands of our everyday lives and schedules. I encourage you to keep your resolution and whatever it may be I wish you great success as you proceed into the year.

During the holiday season, I took time to explore the town and I took notice of the beautiful decorations on the homes and lawns. It is apparent that each one of you is proud of your home and delight in adorning it with beautiful lights and decorations. I am so proud of our Town and I can see that you are as well.

The 'Tis the Season events were well attended and the annual Christmas parade and tree lighting were a success. Santa made a special visit and refreshments were enjoyed by many. The day was filled with events all around the Town. I extend appreciation to everyone who helped organize the events. December is a very

busy time of the year when time is precious to each of us. I appreciate those of you who freely gave your time and energy to make the event a success.

The annual New Market Fire and Rescue Banquet was held on December 12, 2015. They had a great turnout of members, town officials, and guests. The officers were sworn in and honored for their outstanding service to our community. The hours and time they put in to the organization do not go unnoticed and we thank them for all they have done and continue to do for our Town.

And, I can't forget to mention the most delicious day in January. National Chocolate Cake Day is recognized January 27, 2016. In America chocolate was consumed primarily as a beverage until the 1830's or 40's and cakes, as we think of them today, mostly did not exist. Chocolate cake was created in 1765 when a doctor and a chocolate maker teamed up in an old mill. They ground up cocoa beans between huge millstones to make thick syrup. The liquid was poured into molds shaped like cakes. Enjoy a piece of chocolate cake on this special day.

*May you have a safe and warm month of January!*

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)
- Emergency water meter maintenance.

## 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE THANKFUL!

On behalf of the Town of New Market, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the hard work and dedication of our 'Tis the Season event volunteers and participants. Because of you, our 'Tis the Season holiday celebration continues to be a success. This year, the Town looked better than ever! Thank you to all who participated in the brand new Window Decoration Contest. Our storefront windows looked beautiful and festive and we are so appreciative of the positive feedback we have received because of your efforts. Stay tuned for details on the Window Decoration Contest next year, and help join in the effort of making New Market a holiday destination. Also, we appreciate the collaboration of Town organizations that made all 'Tis the Season events possible. Also, thank you to individuals within the community who contributed cookies for our Tree Lighting Ceremony and students, schools, and businesses who helped us decorate our Christmas tree. Lastly, thank you to everyone within the community and visitors who attended the 'Tis the Season 2015 event, we hope to celebrate with you again next year.

*We wish you and your families happiness in the New Year!*

## NEW MARKET LIBRARY NEWS

**Books and Babies:** Story time/Playtime for children birth to three will be Friday, January 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The program will feature stories and activities about winter.

**Preschool:** Story time for children 3-6 will be held on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The program will feature stories and activities about winter.

The library will again participate in the county wide Winter Reading Program for children ages 0-6. It will run from February 2nd- March 2nd. Sign up at the library, get a Winter Reading Log, record the books read and return it to the library for a prize.

To kick off the Winter Reading Program a PJ party will be held at the Library on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (snow date Tuesday, February 9). A surprise guest has been invited - think winter and Frozen!

The annual Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Day celebration will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm at the library. Prizes for winter reading will be given out that evening.

Our adult program series will continue on Saturday afternoon, January 9, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Our speaker will be the archivist at the Shenandoah County Library, Zachary Hotel. He will share the story of Shenandoah County's Abolitionist. George Rye was one of the few Shenandoah County residents who supported the abolition of slavery and the Republican Party. For these opinions he was vilified, prosecuted, excommunicated, and threatened. Drawing on previously published works and newly discovered materials, this program examines Rye and the pro-slavery era during which he lived.

### New Books:

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, Preston/Child

The Magic Strings fo Frankie Presto, Mitch Albom

The Promise, Robert Crais

All Dressed in White, Mary Higgins Clark

The Guilty, David Baldacci

The Mistletoe Inn, Richard Paul Evans

The Pharoah's Secret, Clive Cussler

Tricky Twenty-Two, Janet Evanovich

Cross Justice, James Patterson

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## 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.

## AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN POST 166

A good time was had by all who attended the Christmas dinner and a visit from Santa Claus on December 6, 2015, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. Everyone brought a covered dish and Santa visited with the children. A candle was given to each family and they were asked to put them in their window to honor all veterans serving our country and those who served in the past.

Due to New Year's Day falling on the first Friday of the month, the January steak supper will be held on January 8, 2016.

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.

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 income, please reapply. Some of these 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"**

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## ROTARY CLUB

January Meeting Schedule: Shenvalee Golf Resort at 12:00 noon.

- 6 - Chris Anderson, Director of the White House Farm in Page County
- 13 - To be announced later
- 20 - Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA) report from Blacksburg session
- 27 - Kevin George, Graduate Student at The Eastern Mennonite University

For current information visit our website:

[www.newmarketrotaryclub.net](http://www.newmarketrotaryclub.net)



Search: Town of New Market

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Happy New Year from your local Chamber of Commerce. There have been many events in the past few weeks that have kept us busy and we hope you were able to attend.

On November 28, 2015 we had an open house. Town businesses also participated in the Small Business Saturday and we handed out totes, pins, etc., which were donated to us by American Express. We also joined with the Rotary and Town in sponsoring a Window Decorating Contest, which was won by M and M Music.

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held for the Jackson's Corner Cafe's new roaster, affectionately known as "the General". Be sure to stop by for a cup coffee.

Members also provided cookies and other goodies for the 'Tis the Season tree lighting. We hope you came downtown for the parade (several of our members and volunteers participated) and visited the many shops which had specials for the day.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

In November, there were 290 calls for service. There were 6 motor vehicle crashes and 2 physical arrests.

If you observe suspicious activity, even though you may not be the only witness, take the initiative and call the Police. Do not rely on someone else to act because it may never happen. Police questioning individuals who are seen lurking in or repeatedly traveling through areas often deters crimes. Many people fail to act because they are not sure if what they are observing is worth reporting or they fear retaliation. When in doubt, call the Police immediately. Don't lose precious time discussing the event with friends or neighbors first.

In an emergency always call 911. The best way to reach the on duty officer is through the dispatch centers non-emergency number 540-459-6101. If you are unsure if the situation is an emergency call 911.

*Please remember to "Buckle Up and not to drink and drive"*

## 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.

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## NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members and guests are invited to the **Annual New Market Historical Society Buffet and Program** held at the New Market Quality Inn/Johnny Appleseed on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM. The cost for 2016 NMHS members is \$15. Non-members pay \$20 or join that evening and pay the member rate. Following the buffet dinner, John A. Rose, the editorial cartoonist for the Byrd Newspapers of Virginia and also the artist behind the pen that draws nationally syndicated comic strips Barney Google and Snuffy Smith, will give us some insights into the world of editorial cartoons and their impact. Reservations are required. Call Jim or Caroll Douglas (740-2740) or e-mail [nmhs@newmarkethistoricalsociety.org](mailto:nmhs@newmarkethistoricalsociety.org). Reservation deadline is January 24, 2015.

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## THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

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 offer a family-friendly atmosphere. Call for rental prices. The cafeteria will comfortably seat 100 and is air-conditioned. For an additional fee, the kitchen is also available.

New Market Lions Club hold their meetings at the center. Their meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

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

We will post the 2016 RMH Mammography Van schedule as soon as it is received.

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.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## 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 (Tuesday instead  
of Monday) 7:30 pm

## February 2016

- 1 Council Committee Meetings in the 6:30 pm  
following Order: Finance & Personnel,  
Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism,  
Economic Development & Historic Preservation
- 1 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Town Office Closed in Observance of  
Presidents Day**
- 16 Town Council Meeting (Tuesday instead  
of Monday) 7:30 pm

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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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