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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

I hope this finds each of you having a wonderful March day! We have had some unsettling weather lately. First, the blizzard in January and then some ice and snow in mid-February. Maybe March will bring us warmer days. On behalf of the town staff, I want to extend a huge "thank you" to you who took time to make sure that the sidewalk in front of your residence was cleared and safe for patrons and community members to walk. This is a valuable asset to the town as this contributes immensely to the safety of everyone. In addition, I want to commend the Town staff for their hard work during the storm....from the office staff to the police enforcement officers and maintenance staff. We don't want to let their dedication and effort go without mentioning. Once again, our community comes together to weather the storm. Thanks again!!

The annual Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Day is March 2, 2016! The New Market Area Library will be hosting a celebration on Wednesday, March 2, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. to recognize this day. Prizes for the winter reading program will be given out during the event and other fun activities are planned. You may contact the New Market Area Library at 740-8650 for additional details. Bring the children out for the event to encourage and motivate children to read.

As we talk about community events, I would like to remind you that there are many, many community events and classes provided by Sentara RMH, Valley Health and Life Care Center of New Market to bring awareness about diseases that affect many Americans. The events can help individuals learn how to cope and

manage the disease. An example would be Arthritis. Arthritis is an informal way of referring to more than 100 types of joint diseases that affect 53 million adults and 300,000 children in the U.S. Exercise classes will soon be held at Life Care Center to help those suffering from Arthritis. You may contact Life Care Center at 740-8041 for details. These types of classes are a means to connect with others who share similar struggles.

Come out for a fun Easter Egg Hunt at the New Market Community Park on Saturday, March 19th, 2016 beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. The event is free of charge and will be held rain or shine!

The beginning of spring marks Daylight Savings Time. I would like to remind everyone to "Change your Clock, Change your Batteries" on Sunday, March 13. This is a good time to replace our smoke detector batteries. Daylight Savings Time provides a convenient reminder. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third is estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

As March approaches us, so does St. Patrick's Day. My Irish blessing for you is "May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, And nothing but happiness come through your door". Don't forget to wear your green on St. Patrick's Day. If not, you could get pinched. Have a wonderful month of March!

Douglas C. Bradley, Mayor
Town of New Market



EASTER EGG HUNT

DATE: Saturday, March 19th, 2016 rain or shine

TIME: Arrive by 9:00 a.m. Hunt starts at 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: New Market Community Park

Come out for a fun Easter Egg Hunt at the New Market Community Park on Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. This is a rain or shine event. Children 0 to 10 are invited to hunt eggs and visit with the Easter Bunny. Children should bring their own Easter basket to collect eggs filled with candy or prizes. There is no charge for this event. In addition to the hunt for eggs, there will be face painting, Easter tattoos, and visits with the Easter Bunny.

Arrive by 9:00 a.m. in order for volunteers to divide the children into groups. Hunt starts at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

Thank you to the New Market Rotary and Stonewall Jackson High School Interact Club for coordinating this town sponsored event. Questions can be directed to Jerry Biller with the New Market Rotary Club.

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.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Did you know that since 1992 through 2013 at least one Rebel baseball player has been recruited and made it to the major baseball leagues? The Rebel players are selected from schools all over.

Each summer these collegiate players stay with host families in New Market, Timberville, Broadway, Mount Jackson, Edinburg and Quicksburg. Whether you are retired, still working, have a family or live alone, you may be part of the New Market Rebels' family by providing help to one of these young men. If you do not have an extra bedroom a bed in your basement will work too. All that is required is access to a bathroom and laundry facilities. As a host you are not required to provide meals. Host families receive a free season's pass for the whole family to all home games.

To learn more about this fun summer experience, contact Joanne Burns, Rebels' Board of Director for Host Families at jtbk@shentel.net or cell phone 703-850-8490. It is a wonderful feeling seeing your Rebel player on Rebel Park's diamond. GO REBELS 2016!

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mark your calendars for the following programs for children at the library! Books and Babies will be Friday, March 4th at 10 A.M. Books and Babies story time is enjoyed by children from birth to three. Preschool Storytime will be Friday, March 18th at 10 A.M. Preschool story time is for ages 3-5.

Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day celebration will be on Wednesday, March 2, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm. The event will feature face painting, Cat in the Hat hats, Green Eggs and Ham, listening to favorite Dr. Seuss books and of course, birthday cake!

If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer in our community, the library might be just the place for you. We are looking for folks who have the ability to offer customer service with a smile and who have some computer skills. Volunteers typically work in pairs for shifts lasting about 4 hours, either on weekdays or weekends. Call the Library, 540-740-8650 and speak with Peg Harkness for more information.

New Books for March:

Art of War, Stephen Coonts
Breakdown, Jonathon Kellerman
Brotherhood in Death, J.D. Robb
Robert B. Parker's Blackjack Robert Knott
Arcadia, Iain Pears
Find Her, Lisa Gardner
Violent Crimes, Phillip Margolin
Cometh the Hour, Jeffrey Archer
A Girl's Guide to Moving On, Debbie Macomber
Death of a Nurse, M.C. Beaton
She's Not There, Joy Fielding



NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New Market Historical Society will meet on Thursday, March 31st at the New Market Town Council Chambers at 7:30 PM. Dr. Daniel W. Bly will present "From the Rhine to the Shenandoah." The Shenandoah Valley was populated with folks from many countries. The trek from a homeland in Germany to the Shenandoah Valley took time and Dr. Bly brings to life the trip, the struggles, and the settling of much of the Valley. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Guests are always welcome

POOL STAFF NEEDED

The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2016 season. Positions include lifeguards and pool manager(s). Lifeguards must currently have, or be able to obtain prior to the season, a Red Cross certification. Interested candidates must be willing to work flexible hours.

Applications for employment are available on the Town's website www.newmarketvirginia.com/contact/employment or at the Town Office, 9418 John Sevier Road.

This is a great opportunity for summer employment and a way to make some extra cash. The Pool opens Saturday, May 28, 2016. Applications should be turned in to the Town Office, Attn: Donna Lohr, Administrative Assistant, at 9418 John Sevier Road or mailed to P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844. Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 25, 2016.

AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN POST 166

If you have not been by the Post lately and met our club room manager, Phyllis Ritchie and her assistant, Sara Neill, please do so. Also the Legion now has WIFI available.

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 takeout orders anytime you can call the Legion at 740-8653, Tuesday through Friday after 4:00 p.m.

Let us schedule your party, meeting, reunion, reception, banquet or other event in our social hall, located at 202 E. Old Cross Rd. Contact Ron Thompson, Event Coordinator, phone 540-246-7901, or e-mail: thomps548@gmail.com.

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

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 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"

NEW MARKET POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE BLOTTER

During the month of January, the Police Department responded to 398 calls for service. Officers handled 7 motor vehicle crashes and made 3 physical arrests.

We would like to welcome Officer Greg Foss to the police department. Greg joined the police department on January 11, 2016. Greg started as an auxiliary officer with the New Market Police Department and was then hired full time with Mount Jackson Police Department.

Citizens seeking to dispose of excess, expired, or unused prescription medications can now do so by visiting a safe, secure, and permanent drop-off location. The police department partnered with the Shenandoah Family Youth Initiative to establish this permanent drug collection program to reduce the availability of drugs and medicines that can potentially cause harm to teens and adults. The collection box is located at the New Market Police Department.

Please Buckle Up!

ROTARY PROGRAMS

March 2 - Jenny Jeffries Shenandoah Co Health Dept. - Food Safety
March 9 - Jenna French - Tourism in Shenandoah Co
March 16 - Sara Showalter - Apple Industry in our area
March 23 - Tuff Mutts - Caring for pets
March 30 - Tim Palmer - How to buy a new or used vehicle

All programs start at noon in the Miller Grille of the Shenvalee. 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.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

With Spring just around the corner it's a sign that the New Market Chamber's annual banquet is almost here. The celebration of 2015 will be held at Johnny Appleseed on Friday, March 18, 2016. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm and includes a cash bar and entertainment (6:30 pm-7:00 pm) Dinner to be served at 7:00 pm and will be followed by the awards presentation. We will recognize the 2015 Civic Organization, Business of the Year and Individual of the Year. All these awards are nominated and voted on by our members. Our annual silent auction will be held during the event and door prizes will be drawn throughout the evening. This is a great opportunity to get to know your Chamber. You do not have to be a member to attend. Tickets are available for sale at the Chamber office. Contact Liz (540)740-3212 to reserve your seats.

As a reminder, Heritage Days is scheduled for September 24 and 25, 2016. Please call the Chamber office (740-3212) if you would like to register as a vendor.

We would like to thank the Old General Store for hosting our membership meeting in February. We had a great turnout! If you would like to become a Chamber member please contact the office for more information.

SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL



As winter snows give way to spring flowers, longer days and warmer temperatures it is time once again to prepare for the most honored of seasonal obligations; mowing.

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris begins Friday, April 1, 2016. Please visit our town website www.newmarketvirginia.com or call the town offices at 740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

YARD SALES

As spring approaches we begin thinking about yard sales. The guidelines below are a good reminder on the rules and regulations in town regarding these sales.

Guidelines

1. All individuals conducting a yard sale are required to obtain a yard sale permit from the Town Office prior to the sale.
2. In residential districts, a household is only allowed two yard sales annually. There is no fee associated with permits for these two sales and sales cannot exceed a 72-hour consecutive period.
3. In commercial districts, a household is allowed two yard sales annually with no fee associated with the permits for these two sales. If the householder wishes to hold additional sales an annual permit must be obtained at a fee as set from time to time by the Town Council. Each yard sale in a commercial district cannot exceed a 72-hour consecutive period every three months.
4. Signs shall NOT be placed on telephone poles, power poles, street signs, public trees, sidewalks or any other publicly owned and/or maintained places or structures. All signs shall be limited to private property and shall be removed within 24-hours after the conclusion of the sale.
5. During the weekend of the Route 11 Yard Crawl, the Town will not count participation in that event towards total allowable yard sales on an annual basis.
6. Civic organizations are exempt from the above regulations, except for #4.

Questions?

You may contact the Town Office, Monday – Friday, during regular business hours with questions regarding this service.

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.

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.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Community Center is seeking donations for the installation of a heating system for the auditorium. The boiler is 86 years old and must be phased out. It is currently operating at 40 percent efficiency, and the natural gas costs are exorbitant. We have received an estimate of \$25,000. Any and all donations from the citizens of New Market, the High School Alumni, and citizens of the surrounding area will be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501 © (3) non-profit corporation. You may mail your donations to NMCC, P.O.Box 1377, New Market, VA 22844. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

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. For an additional fee, the kitchen is also available.

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

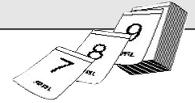
Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. You may call 800-651-6000 for further information.

The Sentara RMH Mammography Van will be at the Center on the following dates: July 12, 2016; October 3, 2016; and December 12, 2016. You may call 540-689-6800 or 800-277-1021 to schedule an appointment. This service is provided to New Market by Sentara RMH.

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



March 2016

- 1 **Business Licenses 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
- 13 Daylight Savings Time
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 19 Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am
- 21 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm

April 2016

- 1 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 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
- 8 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 11-15 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 15 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 29 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

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