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MAYOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year! I am eager to start the New Year with anticipation of a successful 2018. It is a time when we take a look at our lives and well-being and make decisions for change. I hear some say it's a good time to begin financial planning or begin household projects. Whatever your change may or may not be, try to begin the year with a positive outlook. By working together, we will be a stronger community and country to live and work in.

I would like to welcome Mr. Todd Walters, Town Manager, and Mr. Alex Berryman, Town Planner. Mr. Walters and Mr. Berryman have been collaborating on several issues within the town to pursue new ideas and fresh beginnings for growth and improvement. I, and the town council, welcome their suggestions and findings. Stop by and introduce yourself to each of them if you haven't already done so. Welcome to New Market, Todd and Alex!

We have had some cold weather but, luckily we haven't had any major threatening snow storms. Although, fresh fallen snow is such a beautiful and welcome sight over the holidays and sets the mood for the time of year. When we do have bad weather, our Town staff and employees work hard to make the roads free of hazard for travelers. We appreciate the hard work and dedication they provide to the town each day. I extend a "thank you" to each of you that take time to assure the safety of sidewalks in front of your homes.

The annual Tis the Season events were well attended. There were many parade participants at this annual event. I extend appreciation to everyone who organized and participated in the event. December is a very busy time of the year and I am grateful to those of you who gave your time freely to make the event welcoming to our residents and visitors.

During the holiday season, I saw some beautiful decorations on the homes and our town businesses. It is apparent that our business owners and residents are proud of the Town. I am glad we live in a town we can all be proud of. The hard work and dedication to our town doesn't go unnoticed.

Continue to "think local, shop local". January is a time of year when business can slow down for merchants. We appreciate the patronage that you express to our local businesses. It benefits each of us to keep our money in the community we live in when we can.

Finally, January is National Soup Month. There are many varieties of soups and January is certainly a cold month to enjoy a warm bowl. So, get out your scrumptious soup recipes and share with friends, neighbors, and relatives. Enjoy the month!

Douglas C. Bradley
Mayor of New Market

NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Thursday, January 25, 2018 the New Market Historical Society will hold their annual dinner meeting at the New Market Community Center (old New Market School). A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 followed by a Smith & Clark program demonstrating numerous American folk instruments, their story and sounds. Learn about Guitars, Banjos, Fiddles, Dulcimers, Harmonicas, Jews Harps, Cigar Box Instruments and more. Join us for a fun filled evening of "old-time music" featuring these musical instruments.

Tickets are \$15.00 for NMHS members and \$20 for non-members. Join that night and receive the member rate. To make your reservation call Jim or Caroll Douglas at 740-2740.

SHELTER RENTAL 2018

Shelter #1 (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	\$30.00
Shelter #1 (4:00 p.m. - closing)	\$30.00
Shelters #2-4 (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	\$25.00
Shelters #2-4 (4:00 p.m. - closing)	\$25.00
Shelters #5-6 (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	\$20.00
Shelters #5-6 (4:00 p.m. - closing)	\$20.00
Gazebo (All Day)	\$25.00

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS WITH ALEX

Projects continue moving forward despite winter weather and the holiday season. The Town Council adopted updates to the first four chapters of the Town comprehensive plan in December. Please regularly check the newspaper, Town website, and the Town Facebook page if you are interested in speaking towards the future of New Market and/or building proposals. Publishing deadlines make placing specific activities information in the newsletter difficult.

Warmer than normal weather allowed Public Works staff to finish the installation of a small child playground within the Community Park. Please bring your little ones come spring and enjoy the new features. Projects currently planned for spring and summer could potentially bring slight disruptions in normal activities and daily routines. Replacing water valves along Congress Street for example will likely alter traffic patterns downtown. Resurfacing the park basketball and tennis courts will also result in temporary closures. As always, please feel free to contact me as we make New Market a better place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely, Alex Berryman

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The Town will remove and dispose of your live discarded Christmas trees from January 2, 2018 - January 5, 2018. Please place your tree curbside for prompt removal.



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LIBRARY NEWS FOR JANUARY 2018

Mark your calendars for the following Children's programs:

- Books and Babies will be held the first Friday (January 5, February 2, and March 2, 2018) at 10:00 am. The theme will be the Sun, Moon, and Stars. Books and Babies is for children ages birth to three and their parent/caregiver. Program includes stories, songs, movement activities, chants, and time to play together. Older siblings are welcome as helpers.
- Preschool Storytime will be held the third Friday (January 19, February 16, and March 16) at 10 am. The theme will also be Sun, Moon, and Stars. Preschool Storytime is planned for children ages 3 through 6. Program includes books, music, movement activities, and a craft. Area preschools and child caregivers are invited to come.

February is Winter Reading month for preschoolers at the library. The month will be kicked off with a PJ Party for preschoolers and parent/guardians on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Children (and parents too!) are encouraged to wear their pjs and bring a blanket for reading together. As in previous years, a surprise guest will make an appearance! Snow date is Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Preschoolers may register for winter reading and get prizes for completing reading logs beginning February 1 at the library.

Winter reading will end with the annual Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day party on Friday, March 2, 2018 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. The snow date will be Friday, March 9, 2018. Winter reading prizes will be given, and many fun activities including face painting, making green eggs and ham, creating a Dr. Seuss hat, eating Dr. Seuss birthday cake, and more will be included.

If Shenandoah County Schools are closed, New Market Area Library Children's activities are cancelled. (If in doubt or for other library programs, please call the library at 540-740-8650 and listen to the message on the status of the library opening and programs.) For more information, contact Karen Whetzel; 540-740-8589.

The Adult program series for 2018 kicks off on January 20, 2018 at 3:00. Dr. Brent Kendrick, one of the favorite professors at LFCC, will share the story of a crock that was spared by the troops in the civil war. It has been handed down generation to generation through the women in the family.

Volunteer opportunities available! We are looking for persons with customer service and computer skills to serve at the library. Volunteers receive training and usually serve at least one 4 hour shift per month. Contact the library for more information 540-740-8650.

New books at the library:

Demon Crown, James Rollins
Insidious Intent, Val McDermid
Enchantress of Numbers,
Jennifer Chiaverini

Year One, Nora Roberts
Firefly Cove, Davis Bunn
Death at Nuremburg, W.E.B. Griffin
Wanted, Robert Crais

AMERICAN DISPOSAL SERVICES

In the event of inclement weather your trash provider, American Disposal Services, will suspend service on collection day if roads are deemed unsafe due to snow or ice. If suspension occurs, service will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE THANKFUL!

The Town of New Market must thank a broad array of individuals and groups for making this year's 'Tis the Season a wonderful success. We deeply appreciate the hard work and dedication of every 'Tis the Season event volunteer and participant.

New Market looked better than ever this year with the help from local businesses continuing to participate in our annual Window Decoration Contest. We are so appreciative of the positive feedback we have received because of your efforts! Congratulations to M&M Musical Instrument Service, who won this year's window decorating contest! We look forward to admiring next year's submissions!

Open Houses hosted by individual businesses and the New Market Chamber's Open Market helped make the Town fun throughout the day in part by offering special treats and prices. Thank you to shoppers and businesses alike that participated in the Shop Local Passport, which helped local patrons find special, local items.

Thank you as well to the individuals within the community who contributed cookies for our Tree Lighting Ceremony. The beautiful twinkling tree at Town Hall is not possible without the children, schools, and businesses that provided decorations. Your hand-made ornaments are what makes the tree special!

Lastly, thank you to all who participated in and attended our 'Tis the Season Parade. Everyone did a great job decorating their parade floats and vehicles. Parade winners are listed below. A parade is incomplete without an energized crowd of residents and visitors. We hope to celebrate with you again next year, and we wish you and your family great happiness in the New Year!

2017 'Tis the Season Parade Winners:

Best Appearing Fire Company - New Market Fire Department
Best Appearing Rescue Squad - New Market Rescue Squad
Best Appearing Civic Entry - SJHS FFA
Best Appearing Commercial Entry - All and All Towing
Best Antique Vehicle - Joe Evy
Judges Award - Shenvallee Golf Resort
Best Appearing Musical Group - SJHS Band

NEW MARKET ROTARY

01/03/18 Zach Foster zach@conservationlegacy.org Great Appl
01/10/18 Mary Yonce - Lee District Ranger
01/17/18 Robert McFarland -author of #1 Best seller: Dear
Boss: What Your Employees Wish you Knew
01/24/18 Trae Vickers - GSE trip to India and will share his
experiences
01/31/18 Club meeting

Meetings are held in the Miller Grille at Shenvallee beginning at noon. Please join us.

STILL RIVER DAYS ANTIQUES

Every Saturday from January to March from 10:30 am-12:00 pm Still River Day Antiques will hold a Fiber Circle (knitting, crochet, needle fiber, cross stitch, etc.). Bring a chair, a warm cup of something to enjoy and gather around in the warmth of the antique shop for fun fellowship! There is no charge to come join in on the fun. Call Trudy at 540-383-4338 with any questions.

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES

The onset of the Holidays often brings cold weather and snow right along with it. Whether the storm totals 1" or 12"+, winter weather presents challenges for all of us. Here are a few tips in advance of this winter season:

- **Be prepared:** Predicting weather seems to be a challenge even with advances in 21st century meteorology. With few exceptions winter storms are rarely a total surprise. Winter weather advisories are usually posted days in advance of the storm. Use that time to restock your medications, food and other essentials.
- **Be careful:** It may seem like an overused piece of advice, but when you travel unnecessarily on snow covered roads you put yourself and your vehicle at risk and make clearing roads that much more challenging. For those of you who do have to travel, plan ahead and leave yourself extra time to get to your destination.
- **Be patient:** Removing snow from streets takes time. Storm duration, temperature and sunlight all affect how quickly streets are cleared. Often it's not until the sun returns and day time temperatures exceed 32 degrees that frozen snow and ice on streets can completely be removed.
- **Be helpful:** After the snow has stopped please help keep your neighbors and friends safe by clearing the sidewalk(s) that fronts your property. It's not only the right thing to do; it's also required by town ordinance.

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 inside your location.
- Emergency water meter maintenance.

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.

NEW MARKET REBELS CASH PARTY

Get a head start on spring training and support community baseball at the **New Market Rebels CASH PARTY**. The Cash party will be held January 13, 2018 at the Eagles Club, 135 White Mill Rd. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, and drawings begin at 8:00 pm. There will be 20 total winners with a **Grand slam prize of \$1,000**. Only 200 tickets will be sold and tickets are \$30 each (meal included). Contact John Blosser at 540.975.0840 for questions and tickets.

AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN POST 166

For a good meal, just stop by the Club Room, Tuesday through Friday starting at 4:00 pm.

The steak suppers are held on the 1st Friday and shrimp suppers are the 3rd Friday of each month. These suppers are open to the public and are held in the club room. Steak suppers are \$14.00 and include a 12 oz. rib-eye, baked potato, salad, dessert, and biscuits. Shrimp suppers consist of steamed shrimp, French fries and slaw.

Let us schedule your party, meeting, reunion, reception, banquet or other event in our social hall, or picnic pavilion, located at 202 E. Old Cross Rd. Contact the post at 540-740-8653, after 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday.

If your apple butter stock is getting low or you failed to get some, the Legion still has a couple of quarts available for \$8.00 each. Call the Legion after 4:00 pm at 740-8653 or just stop by.

For any information on the membership of the Sons of the American Legion please call Tim Palmer 740-3353, or Commander Dennis Thompson at 335-5791.

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 by signing up a new member. These dues are used to support our Legion projects, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Boys Nation, Oratorical contest, Junior Shooting Sports, Scouting and flag etiquette and scholarships. We also support programs that benefit so many people and their families in our community.

We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and that 2018 will be a good year for each one of you.

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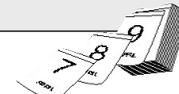
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The winners of the (4) - \$25.00 gift certificates are: Tom Morris, Barbara Whistler, Karen Whetzel, and Maggie (she did not give her last name). The raffle was sponsored by the New Market Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee during the Tis the Season events in town.

The "Spotlight" Business of the month for January will be Embrace Treatment Foster Care of Winchester. If you know of someone needing this care, please contact Katharine McLeod at 540-376-3968.

The 2018 Chamber officers are Amy Proctor, President; Trudy Burgess, Vice President; Carol Hughes, Treasurer; and Liz Gum, Secretary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2018

- 1 **Town Office Closed in Observance of New Years**
- 2 Council Work Session
(Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm
- 2 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
- 12 **Town Office Closed**
in observance of Lee Jackson Day
- 15 **Town Office Closed**
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Town Council Meeting
(Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm

February 2018

- 5 Council Work Session 6:30 pm
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 19 **Town Office Closed**
in observance of Presidents Day
- 20 Town Council Meeting
(Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm

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Gary D. Comer • Peggy Harkness • Peter Hughes • Tim Palmer • Scott Wymer
Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

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J. Todd Walters <i>Town Manager</i> Chris Rinker <i>Police Chief</i> Alex Berryman <i>Town Planner / Zoning Administrator</i> Teresa Green <i>Town Treasurer</i>	Donna Lohr <i>Administrative Assistant</i> Lindsey Kipps <i>Office Assistant</i> Amber Dennison <i>Events & Marketing Director</i>
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