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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. May good health and happiness follow you all the year through!

Now, we think about our New Year's resolutions. Most people make resolutions such as losing weight, getting more organized, spending more time with family, spending less and saving more, as well as many others. Making resolutions can mean we must change our way of thinking and discipline ourselves to make strong changes. This can be challenging at times due to the many demands of our everyday lives and busy 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 annual Christmas parade and tree lighting was a grand success. We had many attendees at the event and each seemed to enjoy all the festivities. 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 to organize the event. December is a very busy time of the year and I

appreciate those of you who freely gave your time and energy to make the event a success.

In December, the Town of New Market hosted its first Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt at the New Market Community Park. There were so many children at the event and I hope everyone had a wonderful time. If you didn't make it this year, try to come out next year. It was wonderful just to see the joyous faces of the children big and small.

And, I can't forget to mention the most delicious special day in January. It is National Chocolate Cake Day!! This unofficially recognized holiday is January 27, 2019. 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 then. Chocolate cake was born 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, which were meant to be transformed into a beverage. Hence the birth of the chocolate cake!! So, go ahead and enjoy a piece of delicious chocolate cake on this special day. You can bake one or buy one...eat it all yourself or share it with family and friends! Whatever you decide, enjoy this delightful dessert.

May you have a safe and warm month of January!

Douglas C. Bradley
Mayor of New Market

THE ROUSS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Rouss Center for the Arts presents "Beauty, Brains and Personality" by Emmet Loverde. What happens when three long-time girlfriends question who they are and who they want to be? Find out as Bonnie, played by Gina Currence-Alago, emphatically states each woman's strength (and therefore implies their weakness). "Beauty, Brains, and Personality" is a fun and meaningful look into self-discovery with all the humor and awkwardness of any three women in your life. Also starring: Rebecca Seal and LaTosha Do'zia-Earley. Produced by special agreement with Heuer Publishing, LLC of Cedar Rapids, IA.

Performances are: **January 25, 26 & 27, February 1, 2 & 3, Friday and Saturdays: 7:00 pm; Sundays: 3:00 pm.** Tickets: \$15.00 for Adults; \$12.00 for Seniors and Students. Children under 3 years of age are free. Tickets may be purchased at our website: www.rousscenter.org, email at rouss.center@gmail.com or by phone at 540 705-0313 or 1-888-341-7313. The Rouss Center for the Arts is located at 9357 N. Congress Street, New Market, VA. The Rouss Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

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.



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LIBRARY NEWS

The New Market Area Library will host two story time programs in January, 2019:

- **Books and Babies** for birth to age three will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019 at 10:00 am. The theme is A Snowy Day. Activities include songs, stories, chants, movement, and more. Older siblings are invited to be helpers.
- **Preschool Story time** for age three to six will be held on Friday, January 18, at 10 am. The theme is Sunshine and Snow. Activities include reading of books, poems, and songs, and a craft activity.

Winter reading activities are planned for 2019 with specific dates and details to be announced. Watch the New Market Area Library Facebook page for information about programs. If Shenandoah County Schools are closed, story times will be canceled. If in doubt about a program status, check Facebook or call the library's voice mail at 540-740-8650.

Adult programs:

- **It's Your Turn to Relax!** Saturday, January 12, 3:00 p.m. Speaker: Melissa Heltzel, Certified Massage Therapist by the Commonwealth of Virginia and licensed by the Department of Health Profession Board of Nursing since 2001. The holiday is over and the bills have just been paid. The gift of massage doesn't have to be expensive. It's your turn to take care of yourself to start a great new year. In this session, you will learn techniques to use at home to help you relax and relieve post-holiday stress.
- **Art Talk:** Sunday the 20th at 5:30, Jon Henry will talk about his current installation in the Driveby Gallery. The project explores value through common materials whose transformation into objects instill prestige.

PLANNING FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 16, 2019 AT 3:00 AT NEW MARKET TOWN HALL

There will be an organizational meeting to plan the Independence Day Celebration and July 3 Fireworks in the Chambers of the New Market Town Hall on January 16, 2019. This summer's event will need support from some new members. If you believe this event is important to our town, please plan to attend this meeting. If you wish to be involved and cannot attend that day, please email p.hughes@newmarketvirginia.com. A member of the committee will get in touch with you and update you on progress and discuss future activities.

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.

NOTICE

Holiday Trash Pickup New Year's will be scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2019.

ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of New Market invites you to attend its weekly meetings, held at the Shenvalee at noon. The exception is the morning meeting, which convenes at 7:00 am.

- Jan 2, 2019 - Day Care Center Program Yvonne Frazier organizer. Yvonne will be talking about efforts underway to start a day care program in New Market.
- Jan 9, 2019 - Erin Stehle Public Safety Officer Harrisonburg Fire Department. Safe Kids Coalition; keeping our children safe - information for parents and grandparents.
- Jan 16, 2019 - Sari Carp saricarp@gmail.com. Sustainability Matters Today for Agriculture and Communities.
- Jan 23, 2019 - Morning Club Meeting - What do we want to do Rotarians?
- Jan 30, 2019 - Jim Weissenborn - Ethics/Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of New Market participates in community events! Rotarians participated in giving away Halloween candy downtown. Members enjoyed seeing the creativity of both youth and adults with their costumes. Jerry Biller coordinated the Thanksgiving event at the Food Pantry held at Manor Memorial Methodist Church. Cargill generously donated turkeys and the Rotary Club supplied vouchers of \$15 or \$20, depending on family size, for use at New Market Grocery or Save-A-Lot in Mt. Jackson. The Christmas parade ushered in a happy season in our town. Rotarian Jim Weissenborn drove a golf cart loaded with candy, while Rotarians Skip Constable, Ross Poplar, and Jim Douglas ran alongside handing out the sweet treats.

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.

AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN

POST 166

For a good meal, stop by the Legion, Tuesday through Friday any time after 4:00 pm.

The steak suppers are held on the 1st and shrimp suppers are held on the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 5:00 pm. These suppers are open to the public and are held in the club room. Steak suppers are \$14.00 for a 12 oz. rib-eye steak, baked potato, salad dessert, and biscuits. Shrimp suppers are \$14.00 and consist of steamed shrimp, french fries and cole slaw.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is looking forward to what the New Year has in store for 2019.

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 Rebecca at 540-335-6064 or the post at 740-8653, after 4 pm.

For any information on the membership of the Sons of the American Legion please call Tim Palmer 740-3353.

If you have an old or worn flag in need of proper disposal please leave it in the drop box located in our parking lot at 202 E. Old Cross Rd. Please do not leave them in bags or boxes when putting them in the drop box. Any bags and boxes can be disposed of in the dumpster next to the drop box. We have the honor to collect and retire the colors which have served us for many years, on a great variety of occasions. We will retire them with the respect they so well deserve.

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.

USA - "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



Reformation Lutheran Church continues a tradition which began in September 1981, of providing a weekly gathering place and a home cooked meal for citizens in our community. The *Thursday Fellowship Luncheon* is held every Thursday in the parish hall at Reformation Lutheran Church (9283 Congress Street, New Market). Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. There is a free-will offering. Please note that if Shenandoah County Public Schools are closed for inclement weather, the *Luncheon* is cancelled. If you have any questions, please call our church office at 540-740-3239. Everyone is invited to come and share in a time of fellowship and to eat a warm, delicious meal.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The Town will remove and dispose of your live discarded Christmas trees from January 2, 2019 - January 4, 2019. Please place your tree curbside for prompt removal.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Chris Rinker has been an employee with the town for 19 years. He works in the police department and holds the position of Chief of Police. What he likes most about his job is the citizens. He enjoys spending time with his family and watching Virginia Tech Football. Chris enjoys listening to country and his favorite artist is Eric Church. If he could have a super power it would be to read people's minds. Chris would like to travel to the Dominican Republic. Chris is a wonderful asset for the town. He keeps the best interest of the town at heart and goes above and beyond the duties expected of a police chief.

DID YOU KNOW?

CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

MEETINGS AT THE TOWN OFFICE

The Town of New Market's Town Council meets regularly on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., unless it falls on a holiday in which case the meeting is held on Tuesday. Town Council also meets on an as-needed basis for Council Work Sessions which normally fall on the first Monday of the month. The Planning Commission meets quarterly on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and on an as-needed basis. Citizens are invited and encouraged to attend any meetings. Agendas with details for each meeting can be found on the Town's website, www.newmarketvirginia.com under the Government tab and under the Mayor & Town Council Page or the Boards & Committees/Planning Commission page. Citizens may sign up to receive email notifications of when Town Council meetings are held. To sign up for email notifications, citizens may email d.lohr@newmarketvirginia.com requesting they be added to the notification list.

SPEAKING AT A TOWN MEETING

Citizens wishing to speak at Council meetings during "Citizens comments and petitions" are encouraged to do so. It is helpful to contact the Town Manager in advance of speaking at a meeting in order to gain more information on the topic and have questions answered in advance of the meeting. There is a five minute time limit per citizen wishing to speak at a Council Meeting.

QUESTIONS REGARDING TOWN BUSINESS/HAPPENINGS

Citizens may also contact the Town Manager at any time if they have questions or concerns regarding Town business or happenings. Mr. J. Todd Walters can be reached via email at t.walters@newmarketvirginia.com or via phone at 540-740-3432 during regular business hours. Mr. Walters has an "open door" policy and is happy to hear from citizens.

Town Staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2019

- 1 Town Office Closed in Observance of New Years
- 7 Council Work Sessions 6:30 pm
- 7 Planning Commission/ Joint Public Hearing 7:30 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Town Office Closed in Observance of Lee Jackson Day
- 21 Town Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 22 Town Council Meeting (Tuesday Instead of Monday) 6:30 pm

February 2019

- 4 Council Work Session 6:30 pm
- 4 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Town Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
- 19 Town Council Meeting (Tuesday Instead of Monday) 6:30 pm

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TOWN COUNCIL

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 Larry Bompiani • Peter Hughes • Tim Palmer • Scott Wymer • Daryl Watkins
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

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

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