Hello and welcome to February! January was a weather roller coaster ride this year. We had highs in the 60's and then back to the 20's. Winter is upon us and the weather will certainly be unpredictable. As February greets us, we begin to think about the warmer weather ahead. Children are anxiously waiting for spring and summer when they can enjoy playing outside and ball seasons begin. Adults begin thinking about golf, ball games, and enjoying more hours of daylight.

How is your New Year’s resolution going? It seems that many of us start into the year with resolving to exercise more, eat better, and get more rest. The promise we each make to ourselves seems like it is reasonable and possible. But, the many demands of our everyday busy lives can make it a real challenge to keep the resolution. Whatever your resolution is, I wish you great success as you proceed into the year.

February is American Heart Month. Many groups around the country celebrate National Wear Red Day on the first Friday in February. This is to raise awareness about heart disease and educate Americans about the fact that heart disease is the leading cause of death - and that it is largely preventable. We can all help promote National Wear Red Day on February 1, 2019 by wearing red. This month is a month to spread awareness about the importance of heart health. Consider what steps you and your family can take to promote and adopt a heart healthy lifestyle.

As always, please continue to “think local, shop local”. A huge “thank you” to those of you who patronized our local businesses during the past winter months to take care of holiday shopping for loved ones and friends. It is important to keep our money in the community we live in. We have a wide variety of businesses to help with everyday home needs and entertaining. Keep this in mind when doing your shopping.

An organizational and planning meeting was held on January 16, 2019 at the New Market Town Hall to discuss the Independence Day Celebration. If you would like to be involved in the planning or by providing other needed assistance, contact Peter Hughes at p.hughes@newmarketvirginia.com to express your interest. We are looking forward to the event this year. Please stay tuned to the town newsletter for updates and additional details as they develop.

February 14, 2019 is Valentine’s Day. It is the sweetest and most romantic holiday of the year. Whether you have a love in your life or not on this Valentine’s Day, remember that there is one love that you should always honor this holiday: your own. This holiday doesn’t have to be just a day for couples. It’s a day about the love and compassion we all appreciate both giving and getting back from others. So, on this day find your way of celebrating with someone or by simply doing something that puts a smile on your face and joy in your heart.

Douglas C. Bradley, Mayor of New Market

NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER

Are you looking for a room to rent? Are you hosting a meeting, birthday party, special event or class? Please consider renting a room at the New Market Community Center. With several rooms to choose from, you will surely find a suitable space. Prices vary per space.

The Center has opportunities to listen to bluegrass music every Friday evening in the cafeteria, and is also the home of BNR Dance Company that is always welcoming new students. If you are interested in rentals, please call 540-740-3491 to reserve your room.

Rental Fees:
(all rates are for 2 hours; minimum of 2 hours is required)

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*Request setup/tear down for $40
*Other accommodations can be discussed (ex. Special events, shows, concerts, craft shows, etc.)

Cell Phone Photography Class

February 21st, 2019
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
$20 per person
Strayer House
955 E. Congress St.

Learn to take better cell phone photos in this fun and informative class taught by Todd Merica, a professional photographer

* Bring a cell phone to class to participate
* Make sure cell phone is charged

Minimum of 10 people to hold class

For more information or to register email:
a.smoot@newmarketvirginia.com

Registration Deadline is February 15th, 2019
LIBRARY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Children’s programs:
- Books and Babies for birth to age three will be held on Friday, February 1, 2019, at 10:00 am. The theme will be Love. Activities include songs, stories, chants, movement, and more. Older siblings are invited to be helpers.
- Preschool Storytime for ages three to six will be held on Friday, February 15, 2019, at 10:00 am. The theme will be Hearts. Activities include reading of books, poems, songs, and a craft activity.

The New Market Area Library will again sponsor a winter reading incentive program for children ages 0-6 during the month of February. Pick up a log to record time spent reading during the month of February.

The Winter Reading Program kicks off Tuesday, February 5, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a PJ party. Moms, Dads and children, come in your PJs, (blankets and bedtime toys optional) to read together at the library. The theme for winter reading is Snuggle Up with a Book, and children will get a bedtime snack when they leave. Snow date for the PJ party is Tuesday, February 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

The winter reading program ends on Friday, March 1, at the annual Dr. Seuss Read Across America celebration to be held at the library from 5 to 6:30 pm. Preschoolers may bring their completed reading log to get a free book. Children of all ages are invited to come celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday with birthday cake, punch, cooking green eggs and ham, making a hat, listening to Dr. Seuss books, getting faces painted, and more. Snow date for the Dr. Seuss celebration is Friday, March 8, from 5 to 6:30 pm.

For more information contact Becky Kipps 5kipps@shentel.net or Karen Whetzel kswhetzel@gmail.com, or check the library Facebook page!

Of interest to adult patrons:
- Have seeds? Want seeds? Save seeds! Bring seeds! Plant seeds! The New Market Area Library is partnering with Sustainability Matters for a Seed Swap and program on Seeds on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the library. The swap will begin at 3:00 pm followed by a brief program on seeds which includes a seed starting demonstration and question/answer session at 4:00 pm. The program and swap is free to all; participants are asked to bring seeds to share if they have them. Door prizes and raffles will be held.

For more information, contact Sari Carp, 540-325-5220 or saricarp@gmail.com

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

Any changes to trash collection schedule will be posted on our website, www.newmarketvirginia.com and on our Facebook page.

AMERICAN LEGION

Hassler-Sutphin Post 166

We have been doing some changes at our Post. One change is that starting in February our monthly Steak Dinners and Shrimp Dinners open to the public will be held on Saturdays or Sundays.

Please Help Support Our Veterans Programs by joining us Sunday, February 3, 2019 for a Super Bowl Party. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. We will have free Billiards (3 Tables), free Hot Fresh Popcorn, chances to win door prizes in each quarter and so much more.

Beginning at 5:00 PM we will have the following three menu choices:
1. A 12oz ribeye grilled steak dinner with baked potato, sour cream, mushrooms, fried onions, roll, butter, salad, dessert and a drink for $20.
2. Philly steak sandwich, fries and drink for $10.
3. Hot dog, fries and drink for $5.

Advance registration and payment is requested. Please call the American Legion at 540-740-8653 to register, ask for Rebecca or Ruth.

After dinner enjoy the game on the BIG SCREEN. Be sure to join us to enjoy rooting for your team. Remember this is open to the PUBLIC.

On Sunday, February 17, 2019, we will have a special Valentine’s Dinner for the Daytona 500. This will be open to the public. Doors open at 1 p.m. and the menu is TBD.

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 or Ruth at 740-8653 after 4:00 p.m.

For God And Country

SMALL TOWNS, SMALL SHOPS,
BIG TREASURES BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

We would like to congratulate The “C” Gallery (formerly known as The Christmas Gallery) for being our Business Spotlight for February.

The “C” Gallery has been described as a great place to find unique gifts, Christmas ornaments, home décor, antiques and much more! Not only do they have lots to choose from they have been known for great customer service and their welcoming staff. They hold one-of-a-kind products available to you all year!

Check out The “C” Gallery for gifts for friends, family, and even for yourself!

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Phone number: 540-740-3000

BUSINESS LICENSES DUE MARCH 1ST

Business license renewal applications were recently mailed out. The License tax is $10.00 per annum if gross receipts are $10,000 or less and $.10 per $100.00 gross receipts if gross receipts are in excess of $10,000.00 per annum. A 10% penalty will be assessed for failure to pay on or before March 01, 2019. All outstanding taxes and fees must be paid before the license will be issued.
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Andy Eastep has been an employee with the New Market Police Department for the past 4 years. He enjoys hunting and fishing and his dream job would be in fishing research and development. As a kid Andy enjoyed exploring and if he could travel anywhere in the world he would like to visit Brazil. Andy is honest, loyal and sincere in all that he does. He is a wonderful asset to the town and does a great job at keeping us all safe.

DID YOU KNOW?
Leaks are expensive!

LEAKS AT TOILETS

Leaks at toilets can be costly. However, running toilets are often a simple fix and the culprit is frequently a faulty flapper or floater in your toilet’s tank. A running toilet can waste more than two gallons a minute, or 2,880 gallons per day, if allowed to run all day. This type of leak occurs when a toilet handle sticks allowing the flapper to remain open. Some leaks are not quite so severe but a flapper that doesn’t seal properly can allow water to leak slowly into the bowl, which is still costly. Since there aren’t a lot of visual signs that your toilet is running, the problem can persist without your knowledge. It is also not unusual to have a toilet that is leaking without you hearing it. A simple and quick way to determine if your toilet is leaking is to put a few drops of food coloring into the tank and allow the water to sit for 20-30 minutes. Then check to see if there is color in the toilet bowl. If there is, you have a running toilet leak. Once you have determined that your toilet is leaking, you need to identify the cause of the leak, either faulty tank hardware or problematic toilet failure. If the leak is due to a faulty flapper or floater, then that is generally a minor fix. You may either need to adjust the hardware or purchase and install a new one from your nearest home improvement store. If it is a more serious problem, then you should contact a plumber for further assistance. (Posted by William Heinselman on Jun 1 2016, Express Sewer & Drain Blog, How much does a running toilet really cost? Retrieved from https://www.expresssewer.com/blog/how-much-does-a-running-toilet-really-cost ).

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.

NEW MARKET ROTARY

The New Market Rotary meets at noon in the Miller Grille each Wednesday, except for the 4th Wednesday of the month when the meeting is held at 7:00 AM in the Shenalee. Please join us to hear our speakers and learn more about our Club and Rotary clubs around the world. www.rotaryinternational.org

- Feb. 6, 2019 Peggy Harkness on “What Verizon Did to Keep the Stockmarket Going on 9/11”
- Feb. 13, 2019 Rebecca Sprague, Community Program Coordinator for Church World Service and giving information on the New American Economic Impact Study on Immigrants
- Feb. 20, 2019 Katrina Keywood of the Shenandoah County Animal Shelter provides an update on the important work of the shelter
- Feb. 27, 2019 7:00 AM All Club Meeting in the Shenalee
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

March 2019
1 2019 Business License Applications Due
4 Council Work Session  6:30 pm
4 Planning Commission  7:30 pm
15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
18 Town Council Meeting  6:30 pm

TOWN OF NEW MARKET CONTACT INFORMATION

New Market Town Office: 540-740-3432
Dispatch: 540-459-6101
(After-hours and weekend Water/Sewer Emergencies)

Emergency Services:
Emergencies: 911
Shenandoah County Dispatch: 540-459-6101
Police Department: 540-740-3776
Fire and Rescue: 540-740-8904

Town of New Market
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(540) 740-3432  •  www.newmarketvirginia.com
9418 John Sevier Road • P.O. Box 58 • New Market, VA 22844

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Chris Rinker ......................... Police Chief
Teresa Green ......................... Town Treasurer

Donna Lohr ...................... Administrative Assistant
Lindsey Kipps ................ Office Assistant
Amber Smoot ................ Events & Marketing Director

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