

# OUR TOWN

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Welcome to Spring, isn't it glorious!!! New Market is a great place to live any time of year, but the spring is special as everything comes alive. As Robin Williams said, "Spring is Nature's way of saying 'Let's Party'".

I have been in office since July of '08 and I would like to find out how you feel we are doing. I will be knocking on doors in the evenings and on weekends this month and next in order to talk to you and get your ideas on how to make New Market the best place in the Valley to live. I may not be able to make it everywhere, and we may not be able to act on every idea but I will promise to listen. If I don't get to you but you see me on the street, in a store, etc... feel free to stop me and talk. I really want to hear from you.

Have you seen our beautiful new library? It is a testament to a "green" project built with community involvement. **April 12-18, 2009 is NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.** Now is a great time to visit the New Market Library. The fantastic volunteer staff is there to assist you with all your needs. They have computers for research work and sunny little spots with fantastic views to sit and contemplate or read your favorite author. But like any other establishment the Library has ongoing as well as construction debt. Businesses, Restaurants, and Shops, I am asking all of you to please put a library donation box on your counter, both to advertise National Library Week and to raise money for our Library. Citizens, let's look for those boxes, drop in our change and all get together and support the Library for the month of April (and all year for that matter).

April will also be the month that we hope to pass the 2009-2010 budget for the Town. Times are tight and we need your input at the public hearings to be able to spend your tax dollars in the most efficient and effective manner. The I&I project is getting underway. We are looking forward to getting the work done on Cadet Road and having it repaved. Again, we thank all of you for your patience as we work to improve our town.

The next Mayors Forum will be on April 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers. Hope to see you there.

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## DANCE FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

North Fork Middle School's **Relay for Life Team** is hosting a dance to benefit The American Cancer Society on **Saturday, May 2, 2009 @ Stonewall Jackson High School gymnasium.** This is a NO TOBACCO OR ALCOHOL event. Music will be provided by "Instigators".

Food will be available by Stonewall Jackson Booster Club. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. To reserve a table or tickets **call Sandy Swartz at 740-8146.**

## EASTER EGG HUNT

HERE COMES THE EASTER BUNNY



For the  
**Community Easter Egg Hunt**  
At the Town Park

Sponsored by the  
Town of New Market

**SATURDAY,**  
**APRIL 11, 2009**  
**AT 10:00 AM**

We request that you arrive at the park by  
9:45 am for instructions

Please bring your own **Easter Basket** to gather eggs!  
Children will be divided into age groups  
0 - 3, 4- 6, & 7 - 10  
Parents must accompany children 0 - 3.

**VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE CALL**  
Jerry Biller at 740-4569

The Hunt should be a lot of fun,  
so bring your camera!!



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## I&I PROJECT

The I&I project, which will involve relining and/or the replacement of sewer line in certain areas of Town, will start this month. You will begin seeing workers out doing survey and camera work as soon as this week. Once it is determined through this work which areas can be relined and which areas will require sewer line replacement, we will begin posting a construction schedule on the Town website. Updates will also be provided in future editions of the Town newsletter. **This project will unfortunately cause inconveniences and disruptions in service, but it is very much needed.** The Town will work very hard throughout the project to communicate with the public about these disruptions. Anyone with questions can contact the Town Manager, Chris Boies, at 740-3432.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The week of April 13 - 19, 2009, New Market, along with communities around the country will be celebrating National Library Week. This special week honors the contribution of libraries and librarians. "Worlds Connect @ Your Library", this year's theme, highlights the fact that libraries connect people to books, computers, music, movies, and lots more. The library is an increasingly important place where people can connect with resources for job searches, tax filing, and help with school projects. We are a grass roots, community built, funded and staffed library. If you have never visited the new New Market Library, be sure to stop in during National Library Week! Consider making a donation this week! Checks can be mailed to the library at P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

The library is open Mondays 11:00 am - 6:30 pm, Tuesday - Friday 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursday nights 7:00 - 9:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Each year in conjunction with Library Week, the library honors one member of its all volunteer staff. This year our "Volunteer of the Year" is Mr. Larry Strawderman. Larry has been a dedicated worker, taking weekly shifts to check out books at the circulation desk. He has been helpful in training new volunteers, representing the library at county meetings, and in helping to raise funds. With volunteers like Larry, we are able to provide quality library service to our patrons.

The library will host a children's story hour for National Library Week on Friday, April 17, 2009.

### New Books

Handle With Care by Jodi Picoult  
Paths of Glory by Jeffrey Archer  
Life Sentences by Laura Lippman  
Execution Dock by Anne Perry  
Still Life by Joy Fielding  
The Long Fall by Walter Mosley  
Long Lost by Harlan Coben

True Detectives by Jonathan Kellerman  
Lavender Morning by Judy Deveraux  
Smooth Talking Stranger by Lisa Kleypas  
The Lost Quilter by Jennifer Chiaverini

## THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

One of our popular events is the annual auction which will be held again this year on the 4th of July in the Community Park. As the date approaches, the club will be asking area individuals and merchants to contribute items for the auction, which will help us continue our services in the community. Our success in living up to our motto, "We Serve", is directly attributable to the support of our community, for which we are grateful.

In 2007-08, Lions clubs throughout the world donated an estimated \$601 million to charity, and provided an estimated 33 million volunteer service hours. Would you like to become a part of this? Visit the Lions Clubs International web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or peruse one of the Lion publications located in the magazine section at the New Market Library the next time you visit, which we hope is often. You can also call our membership chairman Lion Ralph Perkins (540-740-2690) or club secretary Lion Gordy Farrey (540-740-4257) for more information.

## FREE CLOTHING!

The Seventh Day Adventist Church is offering free clothing for needy people at the SDA Community Services Center, 62 West Lee Hwy. The hours are Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Thursdays from 8:30 am until noon. Questions? Call 740- 8550.

## GARDEN CLUBS

### COHEE GARDEN CLUB

The Cohee Garden Club met March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the New Market Community Center. We were joined by members of the New Market Garden Club as well as several guests.

President Janet Cardwell welcomed the guests. She announced that Millie Gelburd, a former Cohee, had passed away and that her funeral would be held at the Linville Church of the Brethren. She then discussed plans for the Anniversary Luncheon in April. Members are requested to bring daffodils and a small gift for a Charter Member.

Ruth Garretson, Corresponding Secretary, read a thank you from Helen Cochnell, Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging, for the gifts for shut-ins that the Cohees gave them in December.

Gail Rose, owner of the Deauville Deer Farm, then gave a program on organic gardening. Highlights of her talk included:

- \*Do not till - build soil up, not down.
- \*Plant in raised beds. Uses chicken and deer manure.
- \*Use row covers - simplest way to control pests.
- \*Use electric blankets to heat seedlings in green house - does not need heaters.
- \*Keep a notebook so you can easily employ crop rotation and know which plants were most successful.
- \*Use companion planting. One suggestion was to plant tomatoes, sweet peppers and basil together.
- \*Lime your gardens every year.

She also presented very powerful reasons for growing organically. She stated that in 1940, two and 1/2 million tons of pesticide were used by farms with a 3% loss of those crops to pests. In 2000, 410 million tons of pesticide were used on farms with a 37% loss of crops to pests.

### NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club held its monthly meeting on March 16, 2009 at the New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Virginia Thompson and Barbara Lauderdale. The program was a film, "Hillwood, Home of Merriweather Post" presented by Ingrid Flowers.

Plans were made at the business meeting for the hostesses and programs for the coming Club year.

Five members plan to attend the Shenandoah District Spring Meeting in Staunton, VA on April 9, 2009.

Ethel Garber gave helpful tips for Spring on trimming, planting, and gardening.

Those receiving blue ribbons on horticulture were Barbara Lauderdale, 1; Ellen Dever, 1; Virginia Thompson, 1; Ruth Simons, 1; Janice White, 2. Virginia Thompson received blue ribbons on two potted plants.

## THE NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The **ANNUAL BANQUET** of the New Market Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at The Shenvalee Golf Resort. There will be a social hour and cash bar at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$26.00 per person and can be purchased at the Chamber office at West Lee Street during the hours between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm., Monday through Friday. The banquet's theme is "April Showers". Also included is a **SILENT AUCTION** which helps raise funds for Chamber events during the year.

Our 2009 **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** is in progress and is open to business people and individuals. If you would like to join the Chamber, please call the Chamber office at 540-740-3212.

Next on our agenda is our **HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL** scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

The next monthly meeting is at The Shenvalee on April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon until 1:00 pm.

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### LARGE TRASH PICKUP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items from April 20<sup>th</sup> thru April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Please place all heavy trash curbside. Crews will not go onto private property to make collections. Crews will pick up trash by item type during the week and will have all trash picked up by the end of the day on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. All heavy trash should be placed curbside no later than Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, by 12:00 noon.

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### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 16, 2009

The New Market Town Council met on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:30 pm. All members were present.

Mrs. Peggy Harkness, Town resident and Treasurer of the New Market Library gave an update on happenings at the new library. She reported that since opening in November, 2008, the library has been greatly received by the community. Circulation and computer usage have increased 100%. The library has increased its weekly hours of operation from 24 to 29, and hosted several special events for kids including voting on Election Day and "Read Across America Day" honoring Dr. Seuss.

Mrs. Harkness thanked the Town for its support in the past and urged them to please continue their annual contribution. The library still has considerable construction debt including costs for having to widen the street, and all donations are very much appreciated.

The Council took the following actions on agenda items:

- Voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #191, authorizing the Town Treasurer to participate in the Virginia Department of Taxation's Debt Set-Off Collection Program.
- Voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #192 recognizing the Week of April 12 - 18, 2009 as New Market Library Week.

The Council held a closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss the performance of specific local government personnel.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

## MAYOR SMITH CELEBRATES DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY READING TO ASHBY LEE STUDENTS

On Friday, March 6, 2009 Mayor Larry Smith joined the Cat and the Hat in "Whoville" at Stonewall Jackson High School to read Dr. Seuss classics to first and second graders from Ashby Lee Elementary. Stonewall Jackson High School arranged for the "Seussational" fun that included story time, arts and crafts activities, and Dr. Seuss' famous snacks. Jello "green eggs", Who-Hash and One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish were on the menu along with a cake celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Ernest L. "Sonny" Mongold, Jr. portrayed The Cat and the Hat. The "Cat" handed out bookmarks to the students and helped with activities. Activities included hat making, word finds and "Cat and the Hat" fun math facts.

Mayor Smith joined other local dignitaries as well as school resource officer, Becky Mauck and high school English teacher, Annemarie Kennedy in reading to the students and helping to make this a very productive and successful day.

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### NEW MARKET POLICE BLOTTER February 2009

For the Month of January, the Police Department responded to 437 calls for service. There were 5 physical arrests, 3 DUI's, 1 driving suspended DUI related and 1 arrest for intoxicated in public. Officers handled 5 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 33 mutual aid calls to other agencies. The Police Department made 130 traffic stops and issued 40 summonses for traffic violations.

In February, Chief Peery and Sgt. Rinker attended Child safety Seat Technicians training in Woodstock, Virginia. If you would like to have your child safety seat checked, please contact the Police Department at 540-740-3776 and schedule time to have your seats checked.

**The April New Market Area Neighborhood Watch meeting date was moved to April 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The topic will be self-defense.**

On April 5, 2009, the Police Department will host a small bicycle safety event at the New Market North Apartment complex. The event starts at 4:00 pm.

Please remember to "Buckle Up".

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### A NOTE ABOUT LEAF AND GRASS PICKUP

The Town of New Market offers leaf and grass pickup to its citizens every Friday during the months of April through November. Leaves and grass should be in manageable size bags and placed curbside by 12:00 Noon on Friday. Tree limbs and brush piles will not be picked up on Fridays during leaf and grass pickup. The Town does pick up tree limbs and brush piles during Heavy Trash Pickup Week, which is held twice a year in April and October. Tree limbs must be cut to four feet in length and brush piles must be bundled and tied and no longer than four feet.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## April 2009

- |         |  |                          |
|---------|--|--------------------------|
| 2       | Streetscape Public Forum at The Town Hall  | 7:00                     |
| 3       | Leaf and grass pickup  |                          |
| 6       | Council Committee Meetings<br>In the following order: (1) Finance & Personnel (2) Public Works (3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic Development & Historic Preservation | 6:30 pm<br>TO<br>7:30 pm |
| 6       | Planning Commission Meeting  | 7:30 pm                  |
| 9       | Neighborhood Watch Meeting At the Town Hall  | 7:00 pm                  |
| 10      | Leaf and grass pickup  |                          |
| 11      | Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Park   | 10:00 am                 |
| 15      | <b>Water/Sewer Bills Due</b>   |                          |
| 16      | Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at The Shenvalee  | 6:00 pm                  |
| 17      | Leaf and grass pickup  |                          |
| 20      | Town Council Meeting   | 7:30 pm                  |
| 23      | Mayor's Forum at the Town Hall   | 7:00 pm                  |
| 20 - 24 | <b>Heavy Trash Pickup</b>  |                          |
| 24      | Leaf and grass pickup  |                          |

## May 2009

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| 1  | Leaf and grass pickup  |                          |
| 4  | Council Committee Meetings<br>In the following order: (1) Finance & Personnel (2) Public Works (3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic Development & Historic Preservation | 6:30 pm<br>TO<br>7:30 pm |
| 4  | Planning Commission Meeting  | 7:30 pm                  |
| 7  | Neighborhood Watch Meeting   | 7:00 pm                  |
| 8  | Leaf and grass pickup  |                          |
| 15 | <b>Water/Sewer Bills Due</b>   |                          |
| 15 | Leaf and grass pickup  |                          |
| 18 | Town Council Meeting   | 7:30 pm                  |
| 22 | Leaf and grass pickup  |                          |
| 25 | <b>Town Office Closed in Observance Of Memorial Day</b>  |                          |
| 28 | New Market Historical Society Meeting  | 7:30 pm                  |
| 29 | Leaf and grass pickup  |                          |

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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Harry Durrett • Ripley R. Click • Gary D. Comer • Troy Fadeley • Charles E. Litten  
Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

### ADMINISTRATION

Chris Boies ..... <i>Town Manager</i>	Michael Ritchie ..... <i>Public Works Director</i>
Charles Peery ..... <i>Police Chief</i>	Teresa Green ..... <i>Treasurer</i>
Jeanne K. Rinker ..... <i>Town Clerk</i>	Donna Lohr ..... <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Chad Neese ..... <i>Town Planner/Zoning Administrator</i>	

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