

MAYOR'S CORNER

It's February and we are well into winter. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!! Hopefully you all watched the inauguration of our new President and regardless of your political leanings, are ready to join together as Americans in the spirit of new beginnings that our country is now facing. Keep your fingers crossed that the Town will be a beneficiary of some of the federal funds President Obama plans to use to put people back to work. We have our projects for I&I and the Sewer Plant ready to go and Chris Boies, our Town Manager has already written letters of inquiry and is monitoring the situation.

Speaking of the sewer situation, as we often do in the Town office, I had a question the other day about how my wife and I should dispose of our outdated or unused medications. Our initial thought was to flush them down the toilet as we have done in the past. However we remembered hearing that doing so may lead to contamination of the rivers. Since there is already a threat to our beautiful Shenandoah River we didn't want to add to the mix so I decided to contact the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to get their take on the situation. I was told the proper way to dispose of unwanted medication was to put the pills in a Ziploc bag along with either kitty litter or coffee grounds. Then double bag it and put it in your weekly trash. Who would have thought?

Now, on to the Motto/Slogan contest. The entry deadline was January 15th. The ideas submitted are listed on the ballot printed in this newsletter. As you can see we have some fantastic ideas. Thanks to all of you who participated. Be sure and be a part of the outcome by voting. You may vote for your favorite by completing a ballot and submitting it to the Town office. Ballots may be downloaded and printed from our website, www.newmarketvirginia.com and are also available at the Town Office. Or you may use the one in the newsletter. You may drop your ballot off at the Town office or mail it to the Town at P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844. Ballots may also be put in the drop box after hours. All ballots must be received by Wednesday, February 18, 2009. The results will be announced in the March Newsletter.

Hope you're staying warm on these cold winter nights. Keep thinking globally and shopping locally. See you at the next Mayor's Forum on Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. This is your opportunity to let us see and hear from you.

MOTTO/SLOGAN CONTEST FOR THE TOWN OF NEW MARKET, VIRGINIA:

Please vote for only one Slogan. Votes with more than one choice selected will not be counted.

Place an X in the box next to the Slogan of your choice:

- New Market, the Crossroads of History, Heritage and Community
- Welcome to New Market - A Haven in the Valley of "The Daughter of the Stars".
- New Market, Where Historic Memories Meet New Tradition
- New Market, Historic Memories, Expanding Tradition
- New Market, The Best of Small Town America - Unique History, Initiatives for today, Poised for a better tomorrow
- New Market, Fall in Love With History
- New Market, Cross Roads to Home
- New Market, A Town of Heritage, History and Heart
- New Market, A Glance Back at History but Focus on the Future
- New Market, A Family Town Founded on Historical Ground
- New Market, Its Places That Are Quaint - Its People That Are Quality
- New Market, Battlefield History, Main Street Hospitality
- New Market, Where Battlefield History Meets Main Street Hospitality
- New Market, Shopping Malls: No, Minnie Balls: Yes
- New Market, Confederates' Last Victory, Tourists' First Choice
- New Market, Lose Your Shoes Here
- New Market, Still Fighting the Civil War-At Least Once A Year, Weather Permitting
- New Market, Rich In History With Our Sights To The Future
- New Market Brings History to Life
- New Market, Va - A Precious Jewel in the Shenandoah Valley
- New Market Virginia - Will Warm Your Heart With Sunshine
- New Market, Historic Past, Progressive Future
- New Market, Steeped In History; Committed To The Future
- New Market, Historic In Nature, Modern In Ideas
- New Market, A Historic town With A Bright Future
- New Market, A Small Town With Big Ideas
- New Market Va., Where History and Hospitality Meet
- Historic New Market: There's No Place Like Our Home

LIBRARY NEWS

Upcoming Events at New Market Library:

- The library will host a display of the insect collections of Lance and Jill Morrow from February 1st - March 14th, 2009. The Morrows have collected bugs locally and in Central America. Adults and children of all ages will not want to miss this colorful and educational exhibit, our first in the Grace E. Brubaker Room.
- Our February Preschool Story hour will be Friday, February 20, 2009 at 10:00 am. The theme will be "We Love Our Pets".
- Our perpetual book sale has a new home! Check out the back wall to the left of our grand window. You will find a good selection of paperbacks, best selling fiction, interesting non-fiction, and children's books available for purchase at bargain prices.
- The Library Book Club will meet Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The featured book for February is The Jane Austin Book Club. March's selection will be Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress.
- **To better serve our patrons who work 9 - 5, we are now open on Thursday nights from 7 - 9!**

New Books at the Library:

Juvenile

Save the Earth Science

Experiments by Elizabeth Harris

What Lincoln Said by Sarah Thomson

Scat by Carl Hiaasen

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by

Greg Kinney

Young Adult

3 Willows by Ann Brashers

Eternal by Cynthia Smith

Eternally Yours by Robert Pattinson

4 young adult biographies by

Isabelle Adams

Lincoln in His Own Words by Milton Meltzer

Nonfiction

Your Income Tax: Preparing Your

2008 Tax Return by J.K. Lasser

The 4 Day Diet by Ian K. Smith

No Limits: The Will to Succeed by Michael Phelps

Animals Make Us Human by

Temple Grandin

Accountable: Making the Covenant Real by Tavis Smiley

Adult Fiction

Eclipse by Richard North Patterson

Plum Spooky by Janet Evanovich

Three Weeks to Say Goodbye

by C.J. Box

Mounting Fears by Stuart Woods

Nemesis - The Final Case of

Eliot Ness by William Bernhardt

Agincourt by Bernard Cornwell

The Devil's Punchbowl by

Greg Iles

A Darker Place by Jack Higgins

Dark of Night by

Suzanne Brockmann

The Associate by John Grisham

Basketball Jones by

E. Lynn Harris

THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

As is our annual holiday custom, we distributed fruit basket gifts to selected residents in New Market and the surrounding area. We held our Holiday Party for the membership and their families on December 20th at the New Market Area Rescue Squad. On January 1st we set up a refreshment booth at the southbound I-81 rest area south of New Market. We offered free coffee, sodas, milk and donuts to travelers transiting the valley after the holidays. This is a joint effort with the Timberville Lions Club. The Broadway Lions Club had a similar booth set up at the northbound rest area.

Would you like to become a Lion? Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 205 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. Known for working to end preventable blindness, Lions participate in a vast variety of projects important to their communities. Visit the Lions Clubs International website at www.lionsclubs.org, or call our membership chairman Lion Ralph Perkins (540-740-2690) or club secretary Gordy Farrey (540-740-4257) for more information.

NEW MARKET POLICE BLOTTER

During the month of December the Police Department responded to 474 calls for service. There were 3 physical arrests, 1 DUI, 1 for arson and 1 for license being suspended - DUI related. Officers worked 4 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 36 mutual aid calls to other agencies. The Police Department made 189 traffic stops and issued 26 summonses for traffic violations.

Just a quick rundown for 2008, the Police Department responded to 5,366 calls for service, up 33% from 2007. During the year the Police Department made 42 DUI arrests, responded to 201 citizen assist calls, handled 30 domestic disputes, responded to 405 mutual aid calls to other agencies and conducted 779 property checks. The Police Department experienced a decrease in motor vehicle crashes and a slight decrease in criminal offenses. I believe that the reason for the decrease in these areas is due to educating the public through the Neighborhood Watch Program and "Our Town" newsletter. Another reason is the diligent efforts of the officers of this department through high visibility patrols and concentrated enforcement patrols both day and night.

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held February 5, 2009 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Hope everyone had a great beginning for the New Year and please remember to "BUCKLE UP" - It's the law.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

An excerpt from the October 24, 1957 issue of
The Shenandoah Valley Newspaper

Saturday will be Grand Opening at the New Market Esso Servicenter at the corner of Congress Street and Old Cross Road. George Douglas, manager of the Servicenter, and his assistants have been putting things in order for the event, widely publicized the opening and are ready to dispense gas, oil and hospitality to all comers.

The new service station stands as a proof of the confidence and interest manifested in New Market's future by the Standard Oil Company officials responsible for the operation of the company's outlets in this area. For years a service station had been operated on the same corner, but on a much smaller area. The Standard Oil Company purchased last year the adjacent property of the G.A. Woods estate and Fred H. Morehead. The old buildings were removed and this past summer the new station was erected.

The entire layout is planned for the convenience of the public. Easy ingress from and egress to Congress and Old Cross Road Road Streets is provided for the pump island where Esso, Esso Extra and Golden are available.

Assisting Mr. Douglas is James Hinegardner of Timberville who is a full time employee and Gordon Smith, also of Timberville who is on a part time basis.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation Committee is in the process of forming a July 4th Planning Committee for the 2009 celebration.

New Market is well known for its July 4th Celebration which attracts visitors from a wide area. However this event requires much planning and people willing to help make it a success. If you have ideas and are willing to serve please call Town Manager, Chris Boies at 740-3432.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

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

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.

Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle Club meet at the Center on Friday nights beginning at 7:00 p.m. Free admission.

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

The Board Members have voted to offer, on a limited basis, space for public-service organizations to hold special events. The Center Board must approve these events in advance. Requests for meeting space are to be mailed to the Center at P.O. Box 1377, New Market, VA 22844. This is offered to assist those organizations needing a large meeting area.

The New Market Community Center is a non-profit corporation operating under the IRS designation of 501 © (3). The Center is managed by a Board of Directors who serve on a volunteer basis. All contributions to the Center are tax-deductible. We depend on donations from the citizens of New Market and the surrounding area to supplement our rental fees. Rental fees alone do not generate enough income to operate the Center. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

The following article was written for the January Newsletter but was not received at the Town Office until the Newsletter had already gone to press.

We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. We want to thank the judges, Police Department and everyone who helped with the Christmas parade. The parade winners were as follows:

Walking Group	The Glitterettes
Float	
1 st - The Christmas Gallery	3 rd - American Legion -
2 nd - Cub Scouts	Walter Clements
Commercial	
2 nd - BB & T	3 rd - Holtzman Propane
Antique Cars	
1 st - Jack Fulk	3 rd - Tommy Hepner
2 nd - Roger Lloyd	
Fire Department	1 st - New Market
Rescue Squad	1 st - New Market
Judges' Award	
1 st - Stonewall Jackson	2 nd - Massanutten Antique
Generals Youth Football	Tractor
Freshmen Division	

If you haven't received your award, contact Tom Wilkins at 740-4189.

We will be having a Spring Craft Show the first week-end in April. If you are interested in renting a space for the 2 day show call 740-4189. There will also be outside space available for yard sales.

The Legion still holds steak suppers the 2nd Friday of each month. Call 740-4189. Shrimp dinners are held the 3rd Friday of each month. No call is necessary. It won't be long until we'll be starting our Barbecued Chicken sales on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Get ready for that finger-lickin good chicken starting in March.

We send a special thank you to all who supported our fund raisers in 2008 and we look forward to serving you in 2009. Anyone interested in joining the Legion should contact Charlie White at 740-3437.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 20, 2009

The New Market Town Council met on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm with all members present. The following actions were taken:

- Voted to recommend to the Circuit Court the reappointment of Bill Stevenson to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Defeated a motion to adopt Ordinance #64 as presented, which would have increased water and sewer usage rates and also connection fees
- Voted to adopt a revised Ordinance #64 which increased only water and sewer usage rates, presented as "Exhibit A". These new rates, shown below, will become effective with the April 1, 2009 billing.

Exhibit A

Water/Sewer Service Rates

-Residential	Water	Sewer
-First 1700 gal. (minimum charge)	\$7.24	\$21.87
-Over 1700 gal.	\$3.20/1000 gal.	\$10.65/1000 gal.
-Commercial/Industrial/Institutional		
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Out of Town

-Residential	Water	Sewer
-First 1700 gal. (minimum charge)	\$12.66	\$38.27
-Over 1700 gal.	\$5.59/1000 gal.	\$18.63/1000 gal.
-Commercial/Industrial/Institutional		
-First 1700 gal. (minimum charge)	\$12.66	\$38.27
-Over 1700 gal.	\$5.59/1000 gal.	\$18.63/1000 gal.

Bulk Water Purchases

- First 1000 gallons or less – \$20.56
- Over 1000 gallons – \$10.28 per 1000 gallons

- Voted to table Exhibit B of Ordinance #64, which was a proposed increase in water and sewer connection fees.
- Voted to grant requests for out-of-town sewer connections to 4 families located on Clicks Lane.
- Voted to award the bid for the I & I project to AJ Conner Excavating, as recommended by Stearns & Wheler, for \$2 million, contingent upon (1) Approval of the bid documents by the DEQ revolving Loan Fund, and (2) Acceptance of Change Order #1 by the contractor. The change order reduces the costs by \$211,650, therefore bringing the total project cost to \$1.8 million.
- Voted to approve Ordinance #65 which is a text amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance adding regulations for adult businesses and conditional use regulations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2009

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| 2 | Council Committee Meetings
In the following order: (1) Finance & Personnel (2) Public Works (3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation | 6:30 pm

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7:30 pm |
| 2 | Planning Commission Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 5 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting
At the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 8 | Daylight Savings Time Begins | |
| 15 | Water/Sewer Bills Due | |
| 16 | Town Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day | |
| 17 | Town Council Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 19 | Mayor's Forum at the Town Hall | 7:00 pm |

March 2009

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| 26 | New Market Historical Society Meeting at the Town Hall | 7:30 pm |

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TOWN COUNCIL

Larry M. Smith, Mayor • John H. Blosser, Vice-Mayor
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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