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MAYOR'S CORNER

Well, the "Dog Days of Summer" are here, and if I'm not mistaken it was a very wet spring. The Town authorities had a brief discussion with the older gentleman building an ark on the infield at Rebel Park. Turns out he didn't have a building permit or a license for all those animals messing up the outfield. He said he answered to a "Higher Authority" (likely story) and therefore didn't need a building permit or a license for the animals. The rain and hail eventually stopped so we decided to hedge our bets and let it be. Never a dull moment here in New Market!!

It's been a year since I took office as your Mayor and it has been an exciting time. I just looked over the sheet I handed out during my election campaign which outlined my platform. There were three major areas I addressed and would like to give you a brief update at this time:

First-Economic Development; as you may know the Town currently has an intern, ADAM FACETTI, working on our Economic Development Plan. Councilman Harry Durrett has taken on the chairmanship of this committee and has organized several productive meetings. We are also fast approaching the final approval of the town streetscape program and will see construction begin within a year.

Second-Town Infrastructure; the Town will be starting construction of the new "Force Main Sewer System" in the fall to upgrade our sewer capacity and meet DEQ regulations. Also, most of you have seen the sewer pipe being relined as part of the I&I project. Additionally, we will be adding a new water line along Cadet Road.

Third-Quality of Life; Douglas Aquatics has evaluated our swimming pool. Soon the town staff will be making recommendations for upgrades at this facility. Our tennis courts have been resurfaced and are in great shape. CHAD NEESE, our Town Planner and Zoning Administrator, along with an advisory committee are currently working on the Town Comprehensive Plan with emphasis on continuing to improve the quality of life in New Market.

I feel we have made great strides this year with the help of a talented and dedicated town staff and town council. Everyone has worked together as a team and I can't say enough about the terrific job they do and their care and concern for the Town and its citizens. I'm looking forward to another great year and, please, as citizens, continue to stay involved with your town and support our local businesses and your fellow citizens whenever possible. If you see a need, try to help out. If you have a job to fill, try to hire locally. All of us benefit when we help each other!! See you at the ball park.

NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER PICNIC

The New Market Historical Society will hold its second annual summer picnic on **Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 6:00 pm** at Jerry and Priscilla Blosser-Rainey's "River Farm", 17442 Evergreen Valley Road, Timberville (between New Market and Timberville). Bring your favorite picnic fare, a chair, and relax on the banks of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River. You may drive right to the picnic site---no walking, no steps to climb. For directions or more information call Priscilla Blosser-Rainey at 896-9931 or Carroll or Jim Douglas at 740-2740. Guests are welcome.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

6:30 am - American Legion Food Trailer opens for breakfast in the Town Park.

7:00 am until ??? - New Market Community Center Yard Sale at the tennis courts.

8:00 am to 11:00 am - Faithwalkers Relay for Life Team breakfast buffet at Manor Memorial United Methodist Church in Farrow Hall (the fellowship hall).

8:00 am until ??? - Firecracker Race begins at the Town Park

10:00 am - Fire Department & Rescue Squad will begin selling food in the Town Park

10:00 am - The Rebels will have a pitch-hit-run contest at the baseball fields at the Town Park.

11:00 am to 1:00 pm - The Lions Annual Auction will be held at the Park.

11:00 am to 6:00 pm - FREE admission to the Town Pool.

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm; 5:00 pm till Fireworks - BINGO sponsored by the Fire Department at the Town Park.

12:00 pm to 9:00 pm - MOON BOUNCE sponsored by the New Market Rebels

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Dunking booth sponsored by the Lions Club.

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - The Rinard Family will provide musical entertainment in the Town Park.

4:00 pm - The 4th of July Parade on Congress Street

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Musical entertainment by "Thrash & Holler" in the Town Park

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Musical entertainment by "Suspect" in the Town Park

9:00 pm - The National Anthem will be performed by Emma Hyland Rowley.

9:30 pm - FIREWORKS!

There will also be Kid's activities throughout the day like face painting, pony rides, races, games, etc. Water will be sold by the Chamber of Commerce, funnel cakes will be sold by the St. Martin's Lutheran Church, and watermelon will be provided by Windhaven Church.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

If you wanted to be a participant in the July 4th Parade but haven't yet gotten a form or submitted one to the Town Office, it's not too late! Forms are still available at the Town Office, but are NOT absolutely necessary. Participants may just report to East Old Cross Road at 3:00 pm on July 4th. To get to the line-up site take Rt. 11 (Congress St.) to Rt. 211 East (Lee Highway), turn right on Rt. 1002 (East Old Cross Road) and fall in line. A volunteer will give you a line-up number to display or tape on your Right Side for Judges' viewing. You may call Jim Douglas at 740-2740 if you have any questions.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are happy to announce new expanded hours at the New Market Library. Several new volunteers have joined our all volunteer staff to make these new hours possible. Our current hours of operation are: Sunday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Monday 9:00 am - 6:30 pm; Tuesday - Friday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm with additional hours from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Thursday evenings; and Saturday from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

The Summer Reading Programs for children are well under way, but it is not too late to join the reading fun! Stop by the library for your reading log, keep track of the books read and win prizes. In addition, the library will host the following five programs for children on Thursday morning from 10:00 am - 11:00 am:

July 2, 2009: **READING WITH THE REBELS.** This event will be at Rebel Park and features our own New Market Rebel ball players and coaches. Come enjoy books, baseball, crafts, snacks, face painting and games.

July 9, 2009: "Stepping Stones" with Ms. Martha Yankey. Each child will have an opportunity to create a garden stepping stone.

July 16, 2009: "Puppet Fun with Miss Cathy". Come enjoy a puppet show and make your own puppet to take home.

July 23, 2009: Popular performer, James Scott, "THE LOUD POETRY GUY", returns to the library for his third visit. Children of all ages will laugh out loud and be thoroughly entertained by outrageously funny poetry.

July 30, 2009: "Dance to the Music" will be presented by local square dance children's music expert, Doris Davis.

NEW BOOKS

From Favorite Authors

Matters of the Heart by Danielle Steele

Medusa by Clive Cussler

The Story Sisters by Alice Hoffman

My Father's Tears by John Updike

Capture by Robert K. Tanenbaum

Borderline by Phillip Margolin

Roadside Crosses by Jeffery Deaver

Relentless by Dean Koontz

The Cheater by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg

The Neighbor by Lisa Gardner

A Rogue of My Own by Johanna Lindsey

Below Zero by C.J. Box

Knock Out by Catherine Coulter

The Fixer Upper by Mary Kay Andrews

Take Two by Karen Kingsbury

Finger Lickin' Fifteen by Janet Evanovich

Razor Sharp by Fern Michaels

A Plague of Secrets by John Lescroart

Return to Sullivan's Island by

Dorothea Benton Frank

Killer Summer by Ridley Pearson

Swimsuit by James Patterson

Reference

Kelley Blue Book - July - September 2009

Young Adult

Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen

Blue Moon: The Immortals by Alyson Noel

The Accidental Billionaires by Ben Mezrich

Being Nikki by Meg Cabot

Strange Angels by Lili St. Crow

The Secret of Prince Charming by

Deb Caletti

Chasing the Bear by Robert Parke

Juvenile

Look to the Stars by Buzz Aldrin

The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greek

Myths Retold by Cynthia Rylant

Boo Hoo Bird by Jeremy Tankard

My Mom is Trying to Ruin My Life

by Kate Feiffer

Mama Says: A Book of Love for

Mothers and Sons

NEW MARKET REBELS BASEBALL

Rebels baseball is in full swing and there is no better place to spend a summer evening than at Rebel Park! Remember that the Valley League is the Gateway to the majors and today's Rebel is tomorrow's big leaguer. Come on out and enjoy everything from great baseball action on the field to the best concessions in the entire Valley League. We look forward to seeing you at Rebel Park!

NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The New Market Volunteer Fire Department had 16 Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA's) 1 structure fire and 2 medical assists for a total of 19 calls for the month of May. For the month of June so far, there have been 9 MVA's, 2 Structure fires, 3 Car fires, and 2 medical assists for a total of 19. The volunteers of the department are getting out on the first tone and making sure that the trucks are adequately staffed with trained firefighters.

The Auxiliary of the department is working very hard on the fundraisers. The 4th of July celebration at the Park is our next big fundraiser. We will be doing chicken barbecue, ham sandwiches, snow cones, and cotton candy. We will also be doing Bingo and the Cake Wheel. We are anticipating July 4th being a huge fundraising success for the Fire Department.

Bingo is held every Saturday. The doors open at 4:30 pm and the first game is at 6:30 pm. We have a dinner special every week along with menu items in the kitchen. We would like to say thank you to all the people that have donated cakes and pies for desserts. It is a huge help and greatly appreciated.

We are still receiving applications for members in the department for Class A members and Support members. If you are thinking about volunteering, please call 740-8904 or stop by and someone can give you a tour of the department and explain the different types of memberships we have.

Again, we would like to say THANK YOU for all of the support the community has given to the Fire Company.

GARDEN CLUBS

COHEE GARDEN CLUB

The Cohee Garden Club traveled to Charlottesville on June 1, 2009. We all had an absolutely marvelous time on a beautiful day. We started with lunch at Michie Tavern. The service was great and the grounds are perfectly landscaped.

We then went on to Monticello, where we toured both the home and gardens. To see both the house and gardens gives one an appreciation for what a genius Mr. Jefferson was in so many fields. And we are extremely grateful that there are so many who work to maintain this special heritage.

The Yard of the Month for June is the home of Thomas Wittig at 117 Sun Briar Court.

The month of July will find us participating in the 4th of July Parade with the New Market Garden Club and having a picnic at the home of Johan and Ron Guss.

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

At the regular monthly meeting on June 15, 2009, Ingrid Flowers and Virginia Thompson entertained the New Market Garden Club with a luncheon in the home of Janice White. Nine members and one guest were present. After a short business meeting, members toured Janice White's gardens.

A blue ribbon was awarded to Janice White for her table arrangement.

Later, members visited Deauville Fallow Deer Farm near Basye, which is owned by Gail Rose, a Master Gardener.

The program for the next meeting will be member participation of "show and tell".

NEW MARKET POLICE BLOTTER MAY 2009

For the month of May the Police Department answered 601 calls for service. There were 9 physical arrests, 2 DUI's, 3 Intoxicated in Public and 4 for outstanding Warrants. Officers worked 4 Motor Vehicle crashes and responded to 32 Mutual Aid calls to other agencies. The Police Department made 163 traffic stops and issued 118 summonses for traffic violations.

The Click It or Ticket program was a huge success. We started the event with an 88% seat belt usage and ended with a 90% usage, one of the highest of the agencies along US Rt. 11 from Tennessee to West Virginia.

The July meeting of the Neighborhood Watch has been cancelled. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, 2009 for the National Night Out. There will be hot dogs and soft drinks for everyone along with the "Fatal Vision" goggles and the golf cart. There will be new displays, so come out and meet your neighbors and have a good time.

Remember to mark your calendar for Tuesday August 4th for the National Night Out and please "Buckle Up". It really does save lives.

THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

Our annual auction will be held in the New Market Community Park on the 4th of July at 11:00 am. Anyone that has usable items to donate for our auction is asked to call 540-740-4257 to arrange for delivery or pickup.

The founders of Lions Clubs chose to be called "Lions" because the name symbolizes courage, strength, activity and fidelity. Ever since those early years, Lions have used the symbol to their advantage. A lion, whether standing alone or part of the logo of Lions Clubs International, is a sign of vigorous presence, a silent but grand statement that Lions are here and we matter. (www.lionsclubs.org).

You can become a member of Lions Clubs International by contacting our membership chairman Lion Harry Lam (540-740-3977) or club secretary Lion Gordy Farrey (540-740-4257) for more information.

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Preparations for our 15th annual Heritage Days Festival are in full swing! The festival will be held on August 22nd and 23rd in conjunction with the Valley Cruisers car show. If you know of an artist, craftsman or vendor who would like to participate, spaces are still available. Also, if you would like to participate in the parade or volunteer to assist with the event, please call the chamber office at 740-3212.

The Chamber Welcoming Committee has delivered welcome baskets to four of our recently opened businesses. The Exxon station, Subway, The Italian Job on Rt. 211 and I Shop "A Wee Bit Used" on Congress Street. Please stop in and help them get off to a great start!

A BIG Thank You to the Town of New Market for installing the new banner slices that you've seen around town. If you'd like to sponsor one, more spaces are available. Please call the chamber office at 740-3212.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who have logged in 530 hours from February through May. We truly appreciate all that you do! Many hands make light work and the more help we have, the more dynamic our Chamber can be!

Our next monthly meeting will be held July 14th at the Quality Inn from 12:00-1:00 pm. See you there.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Center will hold our 15th Annual Craft Show on October 24 & 25, 2009. Should you have any questions, or wish to participate, please call Claudia Gray (740-4257). Registration forms will be mailed in July. We have no plans to increase rental fees for craft spaces. Prices for two-days are: 8x8' space for \$35.00 and 8x10' space for \$45.00. Mt. Zion Lutheran Youth will be selling food in the cafeteria. We are expecting the model railroad exhibit this year. The Craft Show will be open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. There will be door prize drawings every hour.

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.

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.

Thank you for your continued support of your Community Center.

PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THE I&I PROJECT

Aaron J. Conner, General Contractor, Inc. has been making great progress in working on the Town sewer rehabilitation and relining work. Sections of pipe have already been relined in the Route 211 area. Some of you may have seen the steam rising in this area. The piping that is used for the relining comes on a large roll and must be heated for several hours so that it becomes soft enough to fold down to a size that can be pulled through the existing sewer pipe. Pressure is then used to expand the piping so that it is formed to the existing pipe. When it cools it has the strength and durability of new sewer pipe but costs only a fraction of the price versus having to dig up and replace the line.

If you live in an area that is part of this project, employees from the contractor may ask that you restrict water usage between certain hours of the day. Notice of this will be provided in advance. Anything sent down the sewer lines while this relining is occurring could have a negative effect on the forming process for this lining. This new lining will prevent rainwater from getting into our sewer pipes. Currently, infiltrated rainwater is transferred through the conveyance system to the treatment plant where it is unnecessarily treated. The treatment of clean rainwater is unnecessary and very costly to the Town and will become even more costly when we start sending our wastewater to the Broadway Regional Plant next year.

Work is also ongoing on Cadet Road where the sewer and water lines are being replaced. We appreciate everyone's patience in dealing with the road closures and other inconveniences. The waterline on Cadet Road has many leaks and is in desperate need of repair. For more information about this project, please feel free to contact Chris Boies, Town Manager, at 740-3432.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 2009

- 2 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 3 **Town Office closed in observance of July 4th Holiday**
- 4 **July 4th Celebration in the Park**
- 6 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: (1) Finance & Personnel 6:30 pm
(2) Public Works (3) Public Safety TO
(4) Tourism, Economic Development, and
Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 6 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 10 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 20 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 31 Leaf and Grass Pickup

August 2009

- 3 Council Committee Meetings in the
Following order: (1) Finance & Personnel 6:30 pm
(2) Public Works (3) Public Safety TO
(4) Tourism, Economic Development, and
Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 3 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
At the Town Hall
- 8 Route 11 Yard Crawl
- 7 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 14 Leaf & Grass Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 21 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 22 & 23 **Heritage Days Festival**
Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce
- 28 Leaf and Grass Pickup

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