

# OUR TOWN

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## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Welcome to summer!! I look forward to the so called "lazy days of summer" as the spring has been very busy for the Town of New Market. The most exciting event was the Town being awarded 4.26 million dollars in stimulus fund money for our sewer line project. CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS BOIES, our TOWN MANAGER and his STAFF for all their hard work and diligence in submitting the grant proposals for these funds in a timely manner and also for staying vigilant to make sure New Market was in the forefront. We are all lucky to have employees of their caliber to help us through these tough financial times.

Although the "stimulus fund money" is an exciting award for the town, the award for the most promising turn of events should go to all of the property owners who are repairing and repainting their properties!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! Take a look and be sure to add your personal thanks to all of the owners, workers, and renters. The ladders, paint cans, brushes, drills, hammers and various other tools are a sight for sore eyes and evidence that we in New Market do care about our town.

The I&I project is moving forward and still on schedule. Having the I&I project relined and replace leaking sewer pipes will go a long way in keeping our future sewer bills as low as possible. With summer thunder storms upon us, the faster we get this project done the better.

Thanks to the Town Council who acted quickly to approve repair costs for the town swimming pool in order to get it open on time for the summer swim season. In addition, we have MIKE RITCHIE and DAVE BEAVER to thank for staying on this project; two more employees that make New Market a great town. The town pool is a fantastic facility, used by many families and our New Market Swim Team. If you haven't been to the pool in recent years, try it out or join your children or grandchildren and make it a part of your weekend in the New Market Park. We support the entire park with a portion of our tax dollars, so we might as well take advantage of all that makes New Market "New Market".

On another note, we have one more upcoming plus for our town: New Market will soon have a medical (ambulatory care) facility located at the north end of town. They have already begun to clear the property. This is an exciting project and one long anticipated and needed. We will keep you posted as the details become available.

Enough for now, as the sounds of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" are beckoning- I've got to go! Hope to see y'all at Rebel Park and all the other ball parks throughout the valley where the New Market Rebels or our hometown Shockers play. There will be no "Mayor's Forum" during baseball season, so if you want to talk to me, you can always find me at the ballpark!

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## 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.

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT NEW MARKET'S 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Town of New Market will once again host 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities this year. This year's event falls on a Saturday and we expect a great turnout. The day long celebration begins early in the morning with a yard sale hosted by the New Market Community Center. This sale will be held on the tennis courts at the New Market Town Park and will begin at 7:00 a.m. More information can be obtained by calling 740-4257. The American Legion will also have a food trailer set up in the morning and will be serving breakfast.

The Annual Firecracker 5 Mile Race starts at 8:00 a.m. Entry forms are available on the Town Website or in the Town Office. The New Market Rebels will host a hit, pitch, and run contest for the kids on the ball fields at the Town Park. Admission fees to the Town Pool will be waived all day. The New Market Lions Club will have an auction starting at 11:00 a.m. and a dunking booth at 1:00 p.m. The Rebels Moon Bounce will open at 12:00 and run until 9:00 p.m. Various activities for the kids will be held throughout the day. Bingo will begin at 12:00 noon, break for the parade, and then resume again until 9:00 p.m.

The parade will once again start at 4:00 p.m. Music begins at 2:00 p.m. with The Rinard Family, Thrash N' Hollar at 5:00 p.m., and The Suspect Band at 7:00 p.m. Food will be sold by the New Market Fire Department and New Market Rescue Squad. In addition, funnel cakes will be sold by the St. Martin Lutheran Church and bottled water by the New Market Chamber of Commerce. Windhaven Church will provide free watermelon.

Emma Hyland Rowley will perform the National Anthem shortly after 9:00 p.m. Miss Rowley has performed on Broadway, given solo performances at Carnegie Hall, and has performed the National Anthem for the Washington Nationals. The Fireworks show will follow her performance. More detailed information on this event will be posted on the Town Website, [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com).

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## NEW MARKET POLICE BLOTTER APRIL 2009

During the month the Police Department responded to 356 calls for service. There were 7 physical arrests, 6 DUI's, 1 Intoxicated in Public and 1 Under Age Possession of Alcohol. Officers worked 3 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 36 Mutual Aid Calls to other agencies. The Police Department issued 40 summonses and 80 warnings for traffic violations.

The New Market Police Department is proud to announce that Mr. James Steptoe, Ms. Rebecca Kline, and Ms. Cynthia Dinges have received the Saved by the Seatbelt award. The Saved by the Belt Award is awarded to drivers or occupants that were involved in an accident at which time they were wearing their seatbelts. This award is presented by the Governor's Highway Safety Office.

The June New Market Area Neighborhood Watch meeting is set for June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

**As the summer season gets underway, remember to not drink and drive. And, as always, remember to Buckle Up!**

## LIBRARY NEWS

Summer days are here! Mark your calendars for these special dates at the New Market Library in June.

On June 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm the library will commemorate Flag Day. A flag folding demonstration will be given by members of New Market's Hassler-Sutphin American Legion Post 166. Henry Buhl, retired historian, will give a talk about the history of the flag and interesting facts about it as only Henry can. Please attend this free event at the library in celebration of Flag Day.

June also marks the beginning of Summer Reading programs for children at the library. This summer's theme is "Be Creative at Your Library!" Along with entertaining stories, children will be offered a variety of opportunities to express themselves creatively each Thursday morning from June 18th through July 30th. The programs will be an hour in length, beginning at 10:00 am. We are happy to have several local teachers who have volunteered to present these programs. Specific program titles are to be announced and will be posted at the library. Some of these will be painting, puppets, making garden stepping stones and more.

You will want to mark your calendars ahead for two programs in July. July 2nd we will have "Reading With the Rebels" at Rebel Park. This is always an exciting mix of reading and baseball featuring our own New Market Rebels team. The library is pleased to be having back for his third visit, James Scott, "The Loud Poetry Guy", on July 23rd, 2009.

Children of all ages can participate in our reading incentive program. Beginning Monday, June 15, 2009, children can sign up for the free program. Each participant will receive a reading log and come to the library to receive prizes. Studies show that young people experience learning loss when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer. They also show that the number of books read in the summer correlates with academic gains in the fall. The library is here to help provide a place for fun and learning during the vacation months.

The library is very pleased to be a recent recipient of the **Best Small-Town Public Building Award** presented at the Valley Conservation Council's Better Models for Development awards ceremony held May 21, 2009 at the George Washington Hotel in Winchester, VA. The library was nominated for this award by the Town of New Market.

### New Books at the Library:

Mr. and Miss Anonymous by Fern Michaels

Summer on Blossom Street by Debbie Macomber

Intent To Kill by James Grippando

Stone's Fall by Iain Pears

Borderline by Robert B. Parker

Enemies and Allies by Kevin J. Anderson

The Way Home by George Pelecanos

Deadlock by John Sandford

Cemetery Dance by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Road Dogs by Elmore Leonard

Gone Tomorrow by Lee Child

The Scarecrow by Michael Connelly



## 2009 PINWOOD DERBY CUB SCOUT PACK 151

Open to Anyone!

WHEN: Sunday, June 28, 2009

WHERE: New Market Fire Department

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Doors open @ 1:30 pm - Race @ 2:00 pm

Car Check -in: Friday, June 19, 2009 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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To purchase a car or for any questions, call  
Kelley Stroop 540-984-4325 or 540-481-0519

DJ Stroop 540-481-0223

Jennifer Gordon 540-740-2913

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\*Each car must carry at least two \$5.00 Sponsors\*

Cash Prize for 1st place winner!

Awards for the top 20

## NEW MARKET REBELS BASEBALL

June is here and that means Rebels baseball has returned! This year's 44 game schedule features a total of 12 home games against Central Division rivals Luray, Harrisonburg, and Woodstock, beginning Friday, June 5, 2009 against the River Bandits. Game time is 7:30 pm, but come out early for the Opening Night ceremonies. See you at Rebel Park!

## GARDEN CLUBS

### COHEE GARDEN CLUB

The Cohee Garden Club traveled to Fort Valley Nursery in Woodstock on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The club had lunch in the Garden Café. We had planned to wander the nursery after lunch, but had to confine ourselves to the greenhouse. It was a cold and rainy day. But everyone enjoyed the lunch and company and a few made purchases of wonderful plants to put in their gardens.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are traveling to Monticello to tour the gardens with a stop at Michie Tavern for lunch before the tour.

Members of the club will be maintaining the Rain Gardens at the New Market Library.

### NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

Members of the New Market Garden Club had a wonderful guided tour of the Fort Valley Nursery in Woodstock on May 18, 2009. After the tour, they enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Café. There was a short business meeting of plans for the new Club Year.

The June meeting will be lunch in the home of Janice White. Following lunch, the Club will visit "Deauville Fallow Deer Farm" near Basye, Va, which is owned by Gail Rose, a Master Gardener.

## TOWN AWARDED STIMULUS FUNDS

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality announced in April that the State Water Control Board has awarded the Town of New Market \$4,265,116 in federal stimulus funding for the Town's force main project to Broadway. This funding will be in the form of a loan with 100% principal forgiveness, meaning the Town will not have to pay back any of the \$4,265,116. The Town had submitted a request for \$9.4 million for this project and will borrow the remainder of the funds from DEQ through the Revolving Loan Fund at a low interest rate. The construction portion of the project is estimated to cost around \$7 million.

This funding was awarded through a very competitive process. DEQ received 294 applications requesting a total of \$1,360,675,547 as part of the application process. The Town's force main project was one of only thirty-two projects in the state to receive funding. A total of \$77,720,311 was awarded through this process. Applications were reviewed based on a number of criteria including readiness to proceed with construction, sewer rates and hook-up fees, median household income, and the impact of the project on state waters.

The process for these funds started with the submittal of an application by the Town on March 4, 2009. Town staff met with the DEQ staff at the proposed site, had numerous conference calls with DEQ, and followed up on various information requests from DEQ. The Mayor, members of the Town Council, and Town staff attended a public hearing on April 15th in Richmond on the proposed funding. Town staff testified at the public hearing to justify the request for the funding. The Town will continue to work with Stearns & Wheler to insure the project is ready to go to bid under the timeframe determined by DEQ.

The force main project will consist of the construction of a pump station on the property where the existing Town wastewater treatment facility is located. A 16" force main will also be constructed along the VDOT right-of-way on Route 211 to the Broadway Regional Facility. Broadway has agreed to treat up to one million gallons per day of wastewater under the regional agreement. The decision to join with Broadway versus renovating the existing wastewater plant has been estimated to have saved the Town \$10 million in capital costs. The project resolves two issues the Town has with the current wastewater treatment plant; capacity and the ability to meet the new environmental standards associated with the Chesapeake Bay Act.

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## NEWS FROM THE NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber's Annual Banquet and Silent Auction were held on April 16<sup>th</sup> with Charles E. Day as emcee. Thank you Charles. The theme of the banquet was April Showers. A "best in show rain wear contest" was held and Jim Douglas did a great job with his comedic presentation of the candidates. Winners were 1st Place, Sandy Turner, Greater Atlantic Bank and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, a tie between Judy DeLaughter, Gingham Cottage and Liz Gum, BB&T Bank.

Many thanks to the people who donated a silent auction item, and thanks to everyone who attended the banquet.

The Shenvalee Restaurant did a fine job providing good food. We also appreciated their help in setting up the auction tables.

The Chamber spent 2 days fundraising at the Battle of New Market Reenactment. We thank all of the volunteers who participated.

We welcome Tina Roberts as secretary of the Chamber. Tina started May 18, 2009.

Our monthly meeting will be held June 9, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at The Shenvalee Sports Bar.

Our next fundraiser will be our Heritage Days Festival to be held on August 22 & 23, 2009.

## THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The New Market Community Center, Inc. has been asked to participate in the 4th of July Celebration at the Town Park. We are pleased to sponsor the 3rd Annual 4th of July Yard Sale. The yard sale will be held at the tennis courts; signs will be posted. There will be no pre-registration and no advance payments accepted. Claudia Gray will collect the rental fees at or around 7:00 am. Vendors, bring your own tables and pay only \$10.00. The Center cannot furnish tables. No farm wagons will be permitted. Check-in time will begin at 5:30 am with the yard sale hours being 7:00 am until?

The Center will hold our 16th 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 the first week of July. We have no plans to increase rental fees for craft spaces.

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.

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## THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

One of our Community Service projects is road cleanup. The club is responsible for Route 211 West from the 7-Eleven to the county line, and Academy Road. Lions Bob Grace, Julian Jenkins, Ralph Perkins, and Gordy Farrey carried out this project on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> with the very able assistance of Bob's grandsons Luke Bradshaw and Josh Grace. If you participate in a 'Adopt a Highway' project, then you already know how inconsiderate some people are about the appearance of our highway roadsides. If you aren't involved in a project, join one. It's a real eye opener!

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

When it comes to meeting challenges, the Lions Clubs International's response is simple: We serve. In 205 countries, in hospitals and senior centers, in regions battered by natural disaster, in schools and in eyeglass recycling centers, Lions are at work, helping, leading, planning and supporting. Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of the communities we live in. And because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond borders.

You can become a member by contacting our membership chairman, Lion Ralph Perkins (540-740-2690) or club secretary, Lion Gordy Farrey (540-740-4257) for more information.

