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PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Town is currently accepting offers for the Old Water Plant located on Smith Creek Road in Shenandoah County (Tax Map # 104-A-61). This parcel contains approximately 1.6 acres, more or less, and contains a large structure that was previously used for water treatment. The property will be sold as is with no warranties to the party who offers the best terms. A public hearing will be held on this request during the September 15, 2008 Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Anyone interested in receiving more information or wishing to make an offer on this property should contact Chris Boies, Town Manager, at 740-3432.

NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST D.C. BUS TOUR

The New Market Historical Society is inviting members and guests to join our bus tour to Washington, D.C. on **Thursday, October 2, 2008**. The bus will depart New Market at 5:45 am. Stops in D.C. will include Arlington Cemetery by *Tourmobile*, Union Station, U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress, and Supreme Court Buildings. There will also be stops at several of the monuments and memorials in the west National Mall area. Cost per person will be \$35 for 2008 NMHS Members and \$45 for all others. Meals will be on your own. Reserve your place on the bus tour early or no later than September 20, 2008. Mail checks (payable to New Market Historical Society) to P.O. Box 141, New Market, VA 22844. For more information call Caroll Douglas at 740-2740 or visit our website at www.newmarkethistoricalsociety.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR!

On Saturday, September 13th the living historians at New Market Battlefield State Historical Park will be hosting a **Sunday School Fair!** Come by between 11 :00 am and 4:00 pm and try your hand at games of skill and chance while competing for fun prizes. Do some Christmas shopping at our Fancywork Booth, enjoy a tasty treat at our Food Booth. The highlight of our afternoon will be a Quilt and Pie auction at 1:00 PM. There will be fun for the whole family! The event is free with paid Park admission. Groups of 10 or more are eligible for a group discount! As always, New Market residents are admitted free of charge. Please bring an ID showing New Market residence. Contact Stacey Nadeau at 540-740-8124 for further information. www.vmi.edu/newmarket

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

With summer drawing to an end and fall just around the corner, many of us are looking forward to the changing season. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and taken advantage of our beautiful town park and swimming pool. Thank you to all of those Town employees who make our park a fun and safe place to take our families.

I'm sure some of you are anticipating the children returning to school. Please watch out for the school buses and please follow the speed limit and safe driving laws as they relate to the school buses, safety belts and safety seats.

I'm just beginning to realize how much there is to know in order to do a really good job as your Mayor. In the past few weeks I have learned more about wastewater treatment and "I & I" than I ever thought I could absorb and I'm still learning. By the way, "I & I" stands for Inflow and Infiltration" which is the ground and storm water leaking into or being directed into (from gutters and sump pumps) our sewer system. Although this water doesn't need to be treated, it costs the Town money because all the water coming into the sewer plant is treated. The good news in all of this is that we will soon be requesting bids for a contract to begin fixing this problem. The fix will entail replacing or relining sewer pipe that is presently leaking or broken. Hopefully by early 2009 work will begin on this project. Although you may be somewhat inconvenienced by the street work involved, in the long run it will be well worth it. Through the Town Council meetings, this Newsletter and the Mayor's Forums we will do all we can to keep you posted on when and where the work will be taking place and approximately how long it will take.

The next Mayor's Forum will be held at the TOWN HALL on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Please make plans to attend. This is a chance to voice your concerns, ideas, and possible solutions to things happening in and around our Town.

NEW MARKET POLICE BLOTTER

During the month of July the Police Department answered 470 calls for service, issued 65 citations and gave 85 warnings. The next New Market Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Thursday, September 4, 2008, 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall.

September 21-27, 2008 is child passenger safety week. This is a reminder to all parents and grandparents to buckle up the little passengers. The Police Department conducts free child safety seat inspections.

From August 22, 2008 through January 1, 2009 the Police Department participates in Check Point Strike Force, which is a campaign to stop intoxicated drivers. Please remember **not** to drink and drive.

On August 18, 2008 the Police Department received a plaque for 3rd place in the Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge. Please stop by the Town Office Council Chambers to see the plaque.

Please remember to "BUCKLE UP".

NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The New Market Historical Society will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at the New Market Town Council Chambers at 7:30 pm. Shelvie Carr, Historian from the Shenandoah Valley Folk Art and Heritage Center in Dayton, VA will be speaking on "How to Read Your Historic Valley House". For more information call Caroll Douglas at 740-2740 or visit our website at www.newmarkethistoricalociety.org. Guests are welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

We hope that you've noticed the significant progress on the new library and that you like what you see. We anticipate a move during October. Most everyone hated to see the old maple tree cut down, but it was dying. The builder waited until all birds had left their nests. Ultimately, the tree would have had to be removed because VDOT is requiring the library to widen Lee Street from John Sevier Road to the driveway of the library's entrance. It should make Lee Street much safer for cars and pedestrians alike using the Town Hall, the Library, Emmanuel Lutheran Church or its cemetery.

We continue to need help in funding. Several factors have caused the \$600,000 estimate to increase. They include building green, increasing the square footage from 3000 to 4500, and the widening of Lee Street. The library will also need furnishings and equipment once it is built, but to have waited would have only meant escalating costs. If you can help, please send your tax deductible donation to New Market Area Library at P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

We recently received a matching grant of \$1,000 from Thrivent Financial and a matching grant from the Seay Foundation. The Seay Foundation's Grant is for \$10,000 and we have a year to match the challenge.

The community continues to show fantastic interest and support for this exciting green project and we are very grateful. It will not be too long before this lovely addition to our town is available for all to enjoy.

New Best Selling Fiction:

Smoke Screen by Sandra Brown
Cold Case by Kate Wilhelm
The Turnaround by
George Pelecanos
The Assassin by Stephen Coonts
Foreign Body by Robin Cook
The Mercedes Coffin by
Faye Kellerman
Off Season by
Anne Rivers Siddons

Being Elizabeth by
Barbara Taylor Bradford
Rough Justice by Jack Higgins
Death's Half Acre by
Margaret Maron
The Keepsake by Tess Gerritsen
Silks by Dick Francis
The Laughter of Dead Kings
by Elizabeth Peters
Devil Bones by Kathy Reichs

A NOTE ABOUT LEAF & 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.

THE NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB

The Club's annual auction held in the Community Park on July 4th was a huge success. We would like to extend a big "Lion" thank you to those organizations, businesses, and private citizens who donated items for the auction and also to everyone who attended and bid on the items.

Upcoming events on our calendar for September include the Club's hosting a cookout for the residents of Shenandoah Valley Village in New Market and conducting our semi-annual roadside cleanup. On October 25th & 26th, we will be selling our famous brooms at the New Market Community Center's annual craft show.

In the year of his 50th anniversary with the club, Mr. Tommy Foltz was installed as our 2008-2009 President on June 23, 2008. Tommy is a charter member of the club, which was organized in April, 1958.

NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

The Chamber's 14th annual Heritage Days Festival was held August 23 & 24, 2008. The festival featured about 70 vendors and businesses, a parade and a Car Show. The Chamber would like to thank the businesses and citizens for all their help in preparing for this year's event.

The 4th Annual Route 11 Yard Crawl took place on August 9, 2008 and was a great success. Special Thanks to Mary Alice Burch who worked very hard on this project.

We would like to welcome Mr. John Bracken of Old Museum Antiques as the newest member of the Chamber. We encourage everyone to support all the businesses in the New Market Area.

The Chamber will hold meetings on the following **Tuesdays** in 2008:

September 9	New Market Battlefield Business Social	5:00 - 7:00 pm
October 14	Southern Kitchen	12:00 - 1:00 pm
November 11	To be decided	
December 9	To be decided	

These meetings are open and we welcome attendance from both members and nonmembers.

NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club was host to the Cohee Garden Club on August 18, 2008 in the New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Virginia Thompson, Ellen Dever and Ethel Garber.

The program, "Gardening in Alaska" was presented by Jim Douglas, an environmentalist and horticulturist, who served as an extension agent in the south east region of Alaska for twenty years. He taught the Master Gardener Course more than twenty-five times while there. The program was exceptional and informative. He described garden methods and difficulties saying it is quite a challenge to garden there.

Those receiving blue ribbons on horticulture were Ingrid Flowers, 5; Barbara Lauderdale, 3; Ruth Simons, 1. Virginia Thompson received a blue ribbon on her artistic arrangement which was taken to Shenandoah Place.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 18, 2008

The New Market Town Council met on Monday, August 18, 2008 with all members present. Town Manager, Chris Boies, commended Mike Ritchie for a job well done as Interim Town Manager from July 12 through August 3, 2008. He also praised the Police Chief and his Department for the "National Night Out" program which was held August 5, 2008. The event was well attended by the community and generated some positive feedback.

Chief Peery reported that the Police Department had just received an award, a very impressive plaque, for a document submitted to the Law Enforcement Challenge, which was a statewide competition, several months ago. Officer Chris Rinker was primarily the one responsible for creating this project which highlighted the "Click It or Ticket" campaign as well as all the accomplishments achieved by the Police Department during the past year.

The following actions were taken by the Council:

- Approved an out-of-town water/sewer connection on Click's Lane for Randy and Brenda Clem.
- Approved the task order that would allow Stearns & Wheler to proceed with engineering work for the pump station and pipeline as part of the regional sewer agreement with the Town of Broadway.
- Voted to waive the applicable \$500 itinerant merchant's fee for Heritage Days as requested by the New Market Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Voted to appoint Mr. Ronald Gore to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Larry Smith.
- Agreed to move the meeting date of the October Town Council from October 20, 2008 to October 27, 2008. The reason for the change is the fact that the Virginia Municipality League's annual conference is being held in Norfolk, VA October 19 -21, 2008 and several Council members are planning to attend, including the Mayor and the Vice Mayor.
- Agreed to hold the September Committee Meetings and Planning Commission meeting on September 2, instead of September 1, 2008 since Monday, September 1st is a holiday (Labor Day).

Town Attorney Jason Ham addressed the Council regarding the Agreement with Broadway concerning the proposed Sewer Pretreatment Ordinance. This 46 page document will be thoroughly studied by the Public Works Committee at a special called meeting later this week. Mr. Ham stated that he needs to get some input from the Council so that he can begin negotiations with Broadway's attorney. Broadway would like for the Council to take action on the ordinance at their regular September meeting.

PLEASE PARDON OUR MESS

The Town is currently doing some construction at the Community Park. We are in the process of putting in new basketball courts. We are also resurfacing the tennis courts. Both projects should be completed very soon. Thank you for your patience while we make these additions and improvements to the park.

THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Center will hold our 15th Annual Craft Show on October 25 & 26, 2008. Should you have any questions, please call Claudia Gray (740-4257). Registration forms have been mailed. We have no plans to increase rental fees for craft spaces. Because we have a limited number of spaces available, early registration is necessary. If you would like to participate in the Craft Show, call Claudia and leave your name and mailing address.

Construction has begun on our replacement windows. Please drive by the Center and check the progress. This is a huge step in our efforts to preserve the building for the citizens of New Market and the surrounding area. The new windows and the roof we had installed 5 years ago were essential in order to secure the building from the elements. The remaining work will be mainly cosmetic. We are still planning to open the front entrance in the near future. The original doors were left intact when the front foyer was closed and remodeled into two little offices. Note: The school was built in 1930 by Erasmus Bowman and his son, Jacob. The gym, locker rooms and cafeteria/kitchen were added later.

Weight Watchers meet at the Center on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. 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.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

In case you're not aware, the Legion sells barbecued chicken the 2nd Saturday of every month. Our price is still \$3.00 per half and is some of the best!

Mark your calendars for the Fall Craft Show which will be held at the American Legion and the Community Center on October 25 & 26, 2008. This annual event is always held the last week-end in October.

The Legion rents its Social Hall for receptions and parties of all types. Contact Tom Wilkins at 740-4189 for more information and to book your social event.

If you have a tattered flag that needs to be disposed of, we still have our tattered flag drop box at the top of the parking lot.

Start planning now for the Christmas Parade which will be held the first Saturday in December. More details will be available later.

We send a special "Thanks" to all of our veterans who have helped to keep this a free country and to their families who missed them while they were gone.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 2008

- 1 Town Office Closed in Observance Of Labor Day**
- 2 Council Committee Meetings 6:30 pm
In the following order: (1) Finance & Personnel (2) Public Works TO
(3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 2 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 4 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 12 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 19 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 25 New Market Historical Society 7:30 pm
At the Town Hall
- 25 Last Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills Before Disconnect**

October 2008

- 2 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 6 Council Committee Meetings 6:30 pm
In the following order: (1) Finance And Personnel (2) Public Works TO
(3) Public Safety (4) Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 10 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 13 Town Office Closed in Observance Of Columbus Day**
- 14 - 17 Large Trash Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Mayor's Forum at the Town Hall 7:00 pm
- 17 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 24 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 25 Last Day to Pay Water/Sewer Bills Before Disconnect**
- 27 Town Council Meeting**
- 31 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> Charles Peery <i>Police Chief</i> Jeanne K. Rinker <i>Town Clerk</i>	Chad Neese <i>Town Planner/Zoning Administrator</i> Michael Ritchie <i>Public Works Director</i> Teresa Green <i>Treasurer</i>
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