

# OUR TOWN

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## NEWS FROM THE NEW MARKET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New Market Area Chamber of Commerce now has tickets on sale at the Chamber office for the Annual Banquet which will be held March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Johnny Appleseed Restaurant from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The cost is \$27 per person. This will be the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1928 - 2008) and the theme will be "The Fabulous Fifties". You may call the Chamber office at 740-3212 for further information.

The New Market Heritage Days will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in conjunction with the Valley Cruisers' "Cruise In".

We would like to welcome the following new businesses to our community:

- Old Valley Pike Country Store & History Center
- Hometown Cafe

We encourage everyone to support these new businesses and all the businesses in the New Market Area.

The Chamber would also like to welcome the following new members:

- Randy's Do It Best Hardware (Randall E. Andes)
- Something Different Beauty Salon (Ms. Joy Green)
- Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson (individual contributors)
- Old Valley Pike Country Store & History Center (Mr. Hal Sharpe)

- New Market Feed & Hardware (Mrs. Eleanor Estep)
- Hometown Café (Tina Otting)
- Shenandoah Technical Solutions LLC (Matthew Knoneborg)
- Shenandoah Community Foundation (Ms. Elizabeth Cottrell)

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

March 11	Southern Kitchen	12:00 - 1:00 pm
April 15	Johnny Appleseed	12:00 - 1:00 pm
May 13	Johnny Appleseed	12:00 - 1:00 pm
June 10	Thrivent Financial	5:00 - 7:00 pm.
July 15	Southern Kitchen	12:00 - 1:00 pm
August 12	Shen.Valley Academy	12:00 - 1:00 pm
September 9	New Market Battlefield	5:00 - 7:00 pm
October 7	Southern Kitchen	12:00 - 1:00 pm
November 11		To be decided
December 16		To be decided

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

## 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, March 15, 2008 at 10:00 am  
(Rain Date Sunday March 16, 2008 at 2:00 pm)

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!!!

## POLICE BLOTTER

The New Market Police Department would like to introduce the Police Blotter. The Blotter will give a brief description of local incidents, notices and a monthly summary of New Market Police Department actions. We hope you find this segment useful and informative.

The Police department had 4185 calls for service in the year of 2007.

In January 2008 the Police Department had 358 calls for service. There were three physical arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. There were no incidents for calls for crimes against persons. The police assisted other agencies 21 times during the month.

On February 7, 2008, the monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting was held at the New Market Town Hall. The guest speaker was Sheriff Carter of the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office. Officer Chris Rinker gave a short presentation on carjacking. The next meeting will be on March 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the New Market Town Hall.



## JULY 4<sup>th</sup> PLANNING

**THE JULY 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 COMMITTEE** will meet March 12, 2008, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers. We would appreciate it if at least one member from each nonprofit group that participated in last year's event attend the meeting.

**PARADE** participants are needed. An application will be mailed to previous entrants and new participants are welcome!

Be a **VOLUNTEER**. We always need volunteers to help with children's activities, placing signs where needed, and parade line-up. It is all in a day's fun.

For more information, please call Mary Alice Burch at 740-3054.



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## LIBRARY NEWS

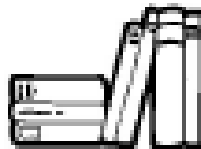
Our dreams are becoming a reality. Work has started on the new library building! Be sure to stop by and catch the excitement as we watch the progress. As with most any undertaking of this type, the actual building of the library, along with street improvements, the driveway and parking lot, and the fact that the library will be built green will cost more than our initial estimates. The numbers are closer to \$900,000, so your financial support is still needed. Tax deductible donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 452, New Market, VA 22844.

Library board members are available to speak to your group or organization. We can also provide special programs for children's groups. Call the library at 740-8650, leave a message and we will return your call.

One way of contributing is through a promotion that SunTrust bank is sponsoring until March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Open a business or personal checking account with SunTrust. Accept and make a purchase with a new Visa SunTrust Check Card by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Choose the library as the recipient of a \$100 donation which SunTrust will provide. You may begin the redemption process either on line or by phone. SunTrust has all the details. The library has already received \$400 from citizens who have responded to SunTrust's offer and chosen the library as their worthy cause.

The following books by best selling authors arrived in February:

- Stranger in Paradise by Robert Parker
- Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah
- 7th Heaven by James Patterson
- Death of a Gentle Lady by M.C. Beaton
- Dakota by Martha Grimes
- Aunt Dimity: Vampire Hunter by Nancy Atherton
- Strangers in Death by J.D. Robb (Nora Roberts)
- The First Patient by Michael Palmer
- Lady Killer by Lisa Scottoline
- Honor Thyself by Danielle Steel
- Betrayal by John Lescroart



## THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Center wishes to advise that our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show will be held on October 25 & 26, 2008. Should you have any questions, 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.

The Rockingham Memorial Hospital Mammography Van has finalized their schedule with the Center for 2008. The dates the Van will be at the Center in 2008 are: April 8; June 17; September 4; October 8 and November 14. Please schedule your mammogram as soon as possible. You may call 540-433-4641 or 800-277-1021. The Center wishes to thank RMH for offering this service to the ladies of New Market and the surrounding area.

Plan to attend The Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle Club "picking sessions" at the Center on Friday nights (7:00 p.m.). Admission is free and snacks are available for a small fee.

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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## NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB

The New Market Garden Club held its monthly meeting on February 18, 2008 in the Shenandoah Valley Adventist Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Ruth Datsko and Janice White.

Nancy Gosnell presented a program on "Irises", giving information on planting, hybridizing and dividing the rhizomes of the plant.

During the business meeting, program plans were discussed for the coming Club year. Tiny Jenkins will be in charge of the March meeting program. The Club Birthday Luncheon will be held at Mrs. Rowe's Buffet at Mt. Crawford on April 21, 2008.

Those receiving blue ribbons on horticulture were Virginia Thompson, 2; Ellen Dever, 1; Dot Johnson, 1. Virginia Thompson and Tiny Jenkins each received two blue ribbons on African violets.

## FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Finance and Personnel:** The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to full Council the reappointment of Mr. Robert “Bob” Moyers to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term.

The tentative FY 2008-2009 budget calendar was distributed to Committee members.

Mr. Vass gave an update on the hiring of a chief water plant operator. This position entails the operations of the well systems and the filtration plant. He stated that newspaper ads would begin the following week-end.

**Public Works:** The Committee received an update from Mr. Vass on the North Fork Regional Treatment Plant concept. He reported that the Town is still on track to receive a PER from the Town of Broadway, and that engineers from Stearns and Wheler will be meeting with the Town in the near future.

The Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Bruce Alger, General Manager of the New Market Rebels Baseball Team. Mr. Alger presented five proposed upcoming projects and asked for the Town’s support. He indicated that resolving the shelter expansion issue is their number one priority. Other requests include installing a gazebo for selling/taking tickets, resurfacing the parking lot and bleacher area, a “Welcome to Rebel Park” sign in front of the Community Center, and installation of a waterline for irrigation of the field. Mr. Blosser stated that a special meeting of the Committee would be held prior to the next regular meeting to discuss and consider the issues presented by Mr. Alger.

In an update on other improvements, Mr. Vass stated that funds set aside in the current fiscal year budget for improvements to the tennis courts are being utilized for electrical upgrades. A resurfacing project will be forthcoming in the new fiscal year’s budget.

**Public Safety:** Chief Peery reported on the search for a patrol officer to fill the current vacancy. He reported that he had received applications from two certified officers from Virginia, one certified officer from Tennessee, another applicant from Virginia whose certification has just expired, and four uncertified candidates. He added that the newspaper ad would continue for another week.

**Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation:** Ms. Burch stated that Mr. Jerry Biller is willing to organize the Easter Egg Hunt again this year. The Committee agreed to allow Mr. Biller to proceed with the planning.

Mr. Vass announced that on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Town would be interviewing three (3) consulting firms for the design of the downtown streetscape project. The selection committee will then make a recommendation and enter into a contract negotiation phase with the selected firm.

He also reported that the Shenandoah County Planning Commission has endorsed our future growth area plan and its addition to the county’s comprehensive plan. They have recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Vass gave an update on the trimming of the Bradford pear trees. Shentel has completed their work on the trees but did not trim all of them. He stated that the Town would be

trimming the remaining few trees to achieve a future uniform appearance.

Mayor Constable initiated a discussion regarding Endless Caverns and their plans for the development of the Caverns site into a resort that would also benefit tourism in our town. Their plans have been put on hold for over two years, awaiting a decision from State and County officials to allow them to do what they can do “by right”. The mayor suggested that the Town write a letter to the powers involved and urge them to take action. The Committee agreed to delay any Town action until after a scheduled Rockingham County Board meeting on this issue.

**Planning Commission:** Chairman Bill Stevenson called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Commission took action on the following items:

- Held a joint public hearing with Town Council for more than one main use at 9423 S. Congress Street (retail and printing establishment). Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the application.
- Voted to proceed with a text amendment concerning portable storage containers.
- Voted against a proposed amendment to the Planning Commission Bylaws.

Mr. Neese presented the annual Planning Commission report for 2007.

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## NEW MARKET TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

The Council heard comments from two Town citizens. Mr. Larry Smith made several announcements on behalf of the New Market Area Chamber of Commerce regarding upcoming events. Mr. Gordon Farrey spoke on behalf of the Community Center, expressing the Board of Directors’ displeasure at the Chamber’s decision to move the 2008 Heritage Days from the last week-end in October to August 23 & 24. Mr. Farrey gave several reasons for their objection to this change and reasons why the annual Craft Show could not possibly be moved to this date.

The Council took the following actions at the February meeting:

The Town Council voted to approve a request for a conditional use permit establishing more than one main use in the B-1 zoning district at 9423 S. Congress for the operation of a printing business.

The Town Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Chad Neese and Mr. James Weissenborn to the Historic Overlay District Review Board. Both appointments are effective for three years.

The Council voted unanimously to recommend to the Shenandoah County Circuit Court the reappointment of Mr. Bob Moyers to the New Market Board of Zoning Appeals. The Finance and Personnel Committee recommended that the full Council endorse this recommendation.

In other action, which had been added to the agenda by unanimous vote, the Council voted to purchase a 1995 one ton bucket truck for \$8000. The truck also comes with a heavy duty snow plow attached.

Following reports from Committee Chairpersons, the meeting was adjourned.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## March 2008

- 1 Business Licenses Due
- 3 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, & Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 3 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 pm  
At the Town Hall
- 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Easter Egg Hunt - Town Park 10:00 am
- 16 Rain Date for Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 17 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 Easter
- 25 Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills  
Before Disconnect**
- 27 New Market Historical Society Meeting 7:30 pm

At the Town Hall

## April 2008

- 7 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, & Historic Preservation 7:30 pm
- 7 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 7 - 11 Large Trash Pickup
- 11 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Leaf and Grass Pickup
- 21 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 25 Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills  
Before Disconnect**
- 25 Leaf and Grass Pickup

Town of New Market

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### TOWN COUNCIL

Thomas F. Constable, Jr., Mayor • John H. Blosser, Vice Mayor  
Mary Alice Burch • Ripley R. Click • Gary D. Comer • Troy Fadeley • Charles E. Litten

Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

### ADMINISTRATION

Evan L. Vass ..... *Town Manager*  
Charles Peery ..... *Police Chief*  
Jeanne K. Rinker ..... *Town Clerk*

Chad Neese ..... *Town Planner/Zoning Administrator*  
Michael Ritchie ..... *Public Works Director*  
Teresa Green ..... *Treasurer*

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