

# OUR TOWN

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## NEW MARKET HERITAGE DAYS OCTOBER 27 AND 28, 2007 RAIN OR SHINE!

### Saturday, October 27th Events:

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm** **Crafters, Artists, and Food Vendors on Congress and Lee Sts.** Come buy that special handmade Christmas gift, lovely painting, or home décor item. Chow down on Barbecues and Funnell Cakes, or Coffees and Ice Cream. Buy Commemorative Pottery or Quilt Raffle Tickets - Chamber of Commerce Booth
- 9:30 am - 4:00 pm** **Marge Moyers Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at Shenvalee**
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm** **Heritage Alley on Lee Street Opens - NEW NEW NEW!!!** Record your favorite stories of Old New Market at the Oral History Booth; Watch spinning and Weaving Demonstrations; Visit with Civil War Re-enactors; Take a "mini" New Market Walking Tour in Historic Homes
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm** New Market Library Used Book Sale
- 11:00 am** Pumpkin Carving Workshop at the Publik House Restaurant
- 11:30 am** **Meet Hannah Kiefer, Miss Virginia 2007** at the old New Market Opera House. She will speak to the Heritage Days audience and sign autographs
- 12:30pm** **Find your mother's favorite pumpkin or apple pie recipe and submit a delicious pie for the New Market Heritage and Traditional Pie Baking Contest.** Pies must be submitted to the Town Hall by 12:30 pm on Saturday, October 27th. Judges, including Rowena Morell of the publication "In the Kitchen", will finish judging by 1:30 and slices of pie will be on sale at the Town Hall beginning at 2:00 pm. For details, contact Caroll Douglas at (540) 740-2740.
- 1:00 pm** **Find your spot on Congress St. and enjoy watching the Parade with Hannah Keifer, Miss Virginia as Grand Marshal.** Also view Shenandoah County Pageant winners, Habitat for Humanity, Politicians, Antique Cars, Humane Society, Stonewall Jackson High School Band, Alhorn Players, and Floats. **Contact Janice Hannah at (540) 325-2624 if you want to participate in the Parade.**
- 7:00 pm** Join "Spirits of New Market" at the New Market Battlefield

### Sunday, October 28 Events

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm** **Crafter, Artists and Food Vendors on Congress and Lee Sts.**
- 11:00 am** Book Signing by Aileen Campbell at the Gingham Cottage
- 12:30 - 2:30 pm** **Folk Music Concert by David La Fleur:** With his tenor voice, guitar, dobro, mandolin and dulcimer, Mr. La Fleur has performed his mixture of folk, Appalachian, blues, and bluegrass music at the West Virginia Mountain Stage New Song Festival and the Kennedy Center. He has won six national song writing contests. For more info read ([www.davidlafleurmusic.com](http://www.davidlafleurmusic.com)). Read posters for announcement of concert location.
- 4:00 pm** Winner of the Scarecrow Decorating Contest is announced at Crossroads Inn B & B
- 5:00 pm** Quilt Raffle Winner is drawn at the Chamber of Commerce Booth

**ALSO ENJOY THE CRAFT FAIR AT THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDINGS 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ON BOTH OCT 27 & 28.**

### **A REGIONAL SEWER PLANT?**

Ask most town residents if they have a complaint about the community, and most will respond emphatically "My water bill". The reality is that New Market charges no more for providing water/sewer services than it costs the Town to produce, collect or distribute. Unlike private utility companies, New Market is not in the business to make profit, but instead to provide a public utility. Part of the difficulty in keeping costs reasonable is the relative small size of our operations. Though it may sound odd, smaller water and sewer plants are more expensive to operate. Why? Small plants must meet the same standard of treatment criteria as larger facilities, but have a smaller customer base with which to fund the operations and capital costs. This idea is not a lot different from Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart can offer products at a reduced rate because of the sheer volume of customers, while a smaller family owned general goods store may not be able to compete at the same level.

What does this have to do with New Market? Recently the Town of Broadway acquired the former SIL sewer treatment facility located outside of Timberville along 211 West. The former SIL plant treats a combination of municipal waste and industrial waste water from Pilgrims Pride, Cargill and the Towns of Broadway and Timberville. New Market and Broadway have discussed in conceptual terms the possibility of becoming a partner or customer of the Broadway plant. The idea of regionalization is a good one, but is not without its problems and issues. In addition, New Market has not asked nor been asked to become a customer/partner with Broadway and the other members of the North Fork Regional Plant. However, it is an option that New Market's leaders will study and consider in the future.

## LIBRARY NEWS



### Ground Breaking Event!

The Board of New Market Library cordially invites you to attend the ground breaking ceremony for our new facility on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 1:00 pm. The event will be held at our new site, directly behind the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building and across from Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Parking will be available in the public lot adjacent to the post office. For more information call the library at 740-8650. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to P. O. Box 450, New Market, VA 22844.

### Heritage Days Book Sale:

The library will hold a book sale as part of New Market's Heritage Days Celebration. Once again we will offer a huge selection of used books at bargain prices. This sale will feature many books on cassette that have been culled from our collection. As always there will be titles for ages and interests. We have boxes of recent donations held back for this sale and will continue to receive books up to the day of the sale. In case of rain, the sale will be held indoors.

## HALLOWEEN OBSERVANCE

The Town of New Market observes Halloween on October 31st of each year, regardless of the day on which it falls. This year, Halloween will be observed on **Wednesday, October 31, 2007** from 5:00pm - 9:00pm for children ages 11 and under, who must be accompanied by an adult. Members of the Police Department will be making extra patrols to ensure that this is a safe and enjoyable Halloween for everyone.

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## NEW MARKET'S FUTURE GROWTH AREA IDENTIFIED

Over the course of the spring and summer, planning consultants, staff and members of the future growth area steering committee have been meeting to discuss, consider and recommend the direction of growth in and around New Market for the next 40 years or more. After several discussions and drafts the committee is prepared to present their recommendations to the public.

On Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, you are invited to review the plans and discuss ideas and thoughts with members of the steering committee. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

Town residents are reminded that Council Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. If that Monday is a Town holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday. The agendas for each meeting are available on the Town's website, [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com), and also at the Town Office.

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## LARGE ITEM TRASH REMOVAL

Planning some fall cleaning? Large item trash removal is offered to Town residents twice a year during the spring and fall. The fall 2007 large item trash pick up will be held during the week of October 9th - 12th. Items should be set out to the curb for removal no later than Friday, October 12th by 12:00 noon. Please note that staff removes bulk items by type during the course of the week not by when they are set out. Please be patient with this process.

Items should include general household trash that is too large or bulky to be removed by our weekly trash removal. Please call the New Market Town Offices at 740-3432 if you have any questions.



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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

### COHEE GARDEN CLUB:

The Cohee Garden Club met at Estep's Landscaping, 1028 Wakemans Grove Road, Edinburg on Monday September 3rd. We enjoyed a lunch on their patio prepared by our hostesses, Vivian Myers and Gloria Shelton, with fruit salad and drinks provided by Dawn Estep.

Eric Estep discussed his background, when and why he started his business and some of his hardscaping projects. Dawn Estep then took us on a tour of their greenhouses and their gardens. She then generously let us each choose a plant from the greenhouses to take home with us.

During the business meeting, President Janet Cardwell led us in planning for the floral decorations at member Louise Nairn's 90th birthday party. Betty Carter will chair the committee that will finalize those plans and make the arrangements. The Fall District Meeting on October 3rd was also discussed and plans made for those who will be attending. The next meeting will be at Janet Cardwell's home on October 1st.

The Yard of the Month for September is the home of Betty Jedry, 120 Century Village.

### NEW MARKET GARDEN CLUB:

New Market Garden Club held its monthly meeting September 17, 2007 at the New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall. There were thirteen members present. Hostesses were Grace Brubaker and Kay Seek.

Plans are being made to attend the Shenandoah District Fall Meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn in Staunton, VA in October. Janice White was named delegate to this meeting.

"Four-Seasons Garden" was a most interesting program presented by three Master Gardeners: Johan Guss, Ruth Garretson and Carolyn Wilson. Ruth Garretson gave gardening tips for September and October. Johan Guss gave ideas on what and how to plant for late season gardening, and Carolyn Wilson spoke on caring for house plants.

Those receiving blue ribbons on horticulture were Virginia Thompson, 5; Lois Coon, 5; Barbara Lauderdale, 2; and Dot Johnson, 5. Kay Seek and Tiny Jenkins received blue ribbons on artistic arrangements.

## SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Finance and Personnel:** At the September 4th meeting the Committee voted to recommend to full Council the approval of Resolution #181, support for the General Assembly of Virginia's study of the impacts of illegal immigration on local units of government. They also discussed the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission, but took no action on this matter.

Mr. Vass gave an update on the search for Town Treasurer and announced that the deadline for applications was September 7th. He also reported that at the regular Council meeting on September 17, there would be a public hearing regarding increasing the transient occupancy tax and donating the increase to the County's tourism efforts.

**Public Works:** All members were present for the September 4th meeting. The Committee voted to recommend to Council the approval of Resolution #182, requesting Greenview Lane be adopted by VDOT in the State's secondary road system for maintenance and upkeep.

Members also discussed a further study of the potential benefits of an automated radio read water metering system. Mr. Vass said that such an upgrade was not something that had to be done immediately, but wanted Council to be aware that the technology is available. The Committee voted to have Mr. Vass further study the cost and other details regarding the system and relay the information back to them.

**Public Safety:** Chairman Comer reported that there was no new business on the agenda, but that he had several announcements. The first was that recently hired police officer, Marty Breeden, has successfully completed his studies at the Academy and was now on the job and doing very well. He also shared two letters he had received from County Sheriff Carter commending Chief Peery and Officers McDaniel and Smoot for their roles in solving two recent cases in the New Market Area. The sheriff was very complimentary of these officers and their efforts in making our community a safer place to live.

**Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation:** No new business was on the agenda. The Committee discussed the banners that adorn Congress Street. Ms. Burch noted that they were changed from the Town logo banners to the Fall ones for Labor Day weekend. She requested that in the future they not be changed until the 15th of September. The parade of VMI cadets is Labor Day weekend and the historical banners seem to be more appropriate for that event.

**Planning Commission:** The Commission voted to proceed with the text amendment to include nursing homes, rest homes and retirement homes, as well as day care centers, as a conditional use in the B-1 district. They also voted to establish a two person committee to work with Mr. Neese on a recommendation and to report back to the planning commission. Chairman Blosser appointed Bill Stevenson and Tom Linski, Jr. to the committee.

In other business the planning board voted to proceed with a text amendment for the nonconforming use section of the Town's zoning ordinance. There will be some changes in time frames and a paragraph allowing nonconforming structures to be expanded if they meet all applicable setback criteria for all new construction.

Mr. Neese reported that the planning commission may have three public hearings in the near future; two of these are for conditional use permits and one is a rezoning application.

## NEW MARKET TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

The Mayor welcomed two special guests, Mr. I.W. "Bill" Diehl and Mr. Richard Harkness. These two New Market residents created a beautiful panorama, which was on display, consisting of a poem written by Mr. Diehl accompanied by a series of photographs taken by Mr. Harkness. Each gave a presentation relating how this work of art evolved.

Mr. Vass reported that the requests for road improvements to Click's Lane and East Old Cross Road, approved by means of Resolution #180 at last month's Council meeting, will be formalized by the County Board of Supervisors during the month of October. It is hoped and expected that they will endorse these requests.

The Council held a public hearing to receive public comment on raising the Town's transient occupancy tax from 3% to 4 or 5% and donating that increase to the County's tourism efforts. There were no comments or questions from the public.

The Council voted to approve two resolutions, Resolution #181, support of the State of Virginia's study of the impact of illegal immigration on local government, and Resolution #182, the Town's official request that Greenview Lane be adopted into VDOT's secondary street maintenance system.

In other Council actions Mr. George Daugharty was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Also Elizabeth Soles was reappointed to the New Market Area Library's Board of Trustees and Barbara Brennan was appointed to that Board.

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### THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Craft Show at the Center will be held on October 27-28, 2007. Show hours are 10 am - 4 pm. There will be Door prize drawings every hour. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and children 12 and over. If you would like to participate in the Craft Show, or for further information, please call **Claudia Gray at 740-4257**. Food will be provided at the Center by Mt. Zion Lutheran Youth. Come see the Model Train Exhibit and enjoy Kettle Korn.

The Shenandoah Banjo and Fiddle Club will resume their "picking sessions" at the Center on Friday nights beginning October 5th. There is free admission and snacks and coffee are available for a small fee.

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.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## October

1	Finance and Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
1	Public Works Committee	6:00 pm
1	Public Safety Committee	6:30 pm
1	Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation Committee	7:00 pm
1	Planning Commission	7:30 pm
4	Neighborhood Watch Meeting at The Town Hall	7:00 pm
5	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
<b>8</b>	<b>Town Office Closed in Observance Of Columbus Day</b>	
9 - 12	Heavy Trash Pickup	
12	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
15	Town Council Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>15</b>	<b>Water/Sewer Bills Due</b>	
19	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
<b>25</b>	<b>Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills Before Disconnect</b>	
26	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
27-28	Heritage Days Festival	
31	Observance of Halloween	

## November

1	Neighborhood Watch Meeting at The Town Hall	7:00 pm
2	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
5	Finance and Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
5	Public Works Committee	6:00 pm
5	Public Safety Committee	6:30 pm
5	Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation Committee	7:00 pm
5	Planning Commission	7:30 pm
6	Election Day	
9	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
<b>12</b>	<b>Town Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Water/Sewer Bills Due</b>	
16	Leaf and Grass Pickup	
19	Town Council Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>22-23</b>	<b>Town Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	
<b>26</b>	<b>Final Date to Pay Water/Sewer Bills before Disconnect</b>	
30	Leaf and Grass Pickup	

Town of New Market

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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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	.....	<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>
Donna J. Lohr	.....	<i>Treasurer</i>

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