

NEW MARKET NEWS

Dates to Remember

January

- 5 (TH) Planning & Zoning, 7pm, Town Hall
- 9 (M) Green Team Meeting, 6:30p, Town Hall
- 10 (T) HDC/ARC, 7pm, Town Hall
- 12 (TH) Town Council, 7pm, Town Hall
- 16 (M) MLK Day, Holiday, Town Hall Closed
- 19 (TH) NM Events Group Meeting, 6pm, Town Hall
- 23 (M) Green Team, 6:30pm, Town Hall
- 25 (W) One-way Alley Workshop, 7pm, Town Hall
- 28 (SAT) Town Hall with County Executive, Jan Gardner, 11am - 1pm, Town Hall
- 28 (SAT) Chinese New Year

February

- 2 (TH) Planning & Zoning, 7pm, Town Hall
- 4 (SAT) One-way Alley Workshop, 10am, Town Hall
- 9 (TH) Town Council, 7pm, Town Hall
- 13 (M) Green Team, 6:30pm, Town Hall
- 14 (T) HDC/ARC, 7pm, Town Hall
- 20 (M) Presidents' Day, Holiday, Town Hall Closed

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Mayor's Corner

I hope all have brought in the new year well.

Streetscape is now 99% complete. We are now working through the punch-out items. I would like to once again, thank Councilmen Rossman and Romanell for their hard work seeing this project to completion.

Now that Streetscape is about complete, what's next? The Town has spent the last few months working on a plan to build on Streetscape. We are developing a plan to revitalize the Historic Business District. The Town's demographic is much like the City of Frederick. The majority of our population is between 25-44 years of age with families. Studies that the Downtown Frederick Partnership have conducted as well as real estate investment groups with whom we have consulted show that this demographic are looking for dining opportunities with entertainment in a family environment. This is different than our traditional retail economy. Retail is stagnate. It does not, on its own, attract people. Reviving our traditional shops will be difficult unless we





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27 (M) Green Team, 6:30pm, Town Hall

March

2 (TH) Planning & Zoning, 7pm, Town Hall

9 (TH) Town Council, 7pm, Town Hall

12 (SUN) Daylight Saving Time begins

13 (M) Green Team, 6:30pm, Town Hall

14 (T) HDC/ARC, 7pm, Town Hall

17 (F) St. Patrick's Day

20 (M) Spring begins

27 (M) Green Team, 6:30 pm, Town Hall

31 (F) Last Day to Register to Vote in Town Election.

April

3 (M) Last Day to File Certificate of Nomination

24 (M) Primary Election Day

May

9 (T) NM General Election

have more food service establishments such as coffee shops and more cultural events such as arts and music festivals, local wine tastings and more.

The Town has received its Sustainable Communities certification and is now a Main Street Maryland affiliate member. This makes us eligible for Community Legacy grants. These grants will attract businesses who may wish to move to New Market. We are also working on our Sustainable Maryland (Green Team) certification.

We are developing a short, medium and long term plan for business. The Sustainable Communities and Green Team are working on these endeavors. These committees are composed of citizens and business leaders that have been established for these purposes.

The short-term plan works on festivals for spring and summer. Since we do not have as many shops today as we did before the recession, we will be bringing in sidewalk vendors, artisans and demonstrators. We will also be working on events in the Community Park.

The intermediate term plan works on moving Town Hall to 40 South Alley and converting our current Town Hall into a public-private venture that makes this property one that contributes more to the district. We are also working on getting the remaining structures that are in foreclosure into private hands for the same purpose. We are also working out the best methods to promote and advertise the Town. This may entail a rebranding of the Town.

The long-term plan looks to find business and other opportunities on our infill properties. Lone Cedar Farm is for sale as many of you know. This is a Gateway property to the Town. Getting it right is of utmost importance. We are working with the owners of Lone Cedar to identify the most appropriate plan. This is just one of a few properties that will need to contribute as the Town grows and our residents look for reasons to stay in New Market to dine, work, play and live in our hometown. That is what sustainable is all about.

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Happy New Year!

New Market, as we start to move past Streetscape, we are asking everyone to get involved with our community. Volunteers are vital to the success of our Town. If you can spare some time, and would be interested in participating in some of the 2017 events, we would be delighted to hear from you. We have volunteer

vacancies for the upcoming events:

- Christmas in New Market
- Spring and Fall Clean-Up
- Spring/Summer Market
- Movie in the Park
- Music in the Park



If interested, please contact Councilman Rossman at shanerossman@gmail.com.

Streetscape Update

The Streetscape project is almost wrapped up. The roads and alley (paving), landscaping, and pedestrian lights have been completed. The Town has given State High Administration (SHA) a list of repairs and corrections before the Town will consider the project completed. SHA is working through this list and continues to complete the items as materials come on site. The item installation is also weather dependent. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

A Word from New Market's Green Team

The team has developed an Action Plan based on the results of our community survey, which was completed in September. Our Action Plan will dictate the projects we will perform over the next three years to make New Market a more sustainable community. Information on Maryland's Sustainable Community Program can be found at SustainableMaryland.com.

One of our action items has been accomplished! The Team is pleased to announce that the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has designated the Town as a Sustainable Community. As a designated Sustainable Community, the Town now has access to funding programs operated by the Department of Housing and Community Development, including the **Community Legacy Program**. (To learn more about the Community Legacy Program go to: dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/programs/CL.aspx.)

And . . . The Team is pleased to announce that the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has approved New Market's application for the Main Street Affiliate Program. By becoming a Main Street Affiliate, New Market will work with the department to develop a revitalization plan to strengthen the Town's traditional downtown business district using the principles, guidelines and technical assistance of the Main Street Maryland Program. For more information about this program, visit the Town's website at townofnewmarket.org.

Based on the survey results, additional activities the Team is concurrently looking into include: starting a residential backyard composting program; identifying and marking a community walking and biking trail system; developing recreational and exercise infrastructure for our senior citizens in the Town's parks; and developing programs to support a sustainable business community in the Town's central historic district. Business sustainability programs include regularly-scheduled presentations from local businesses on the services they provide for our residents and developing an interactive business directory for the Town's website and Facebook page.

The Team's Mission Statement is "to promote and teach civic responsibility and nurture a culture of sustainable living practices in order to strengthen our community. Sustainable living is achieved through environmental stewardship, economic awareness, and social accountability." **Please come join us in our efforts to make New Market a more sustainable community.** The Team meets on the second

and fourth Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall and, we encourage and **WELCOME** fellow citizen participation! Like us on Facebook: Green Team of New Market, MD. Have a question for the Green Team of New Market? Email us at: GreenTeamofNewMarketMD@gmail.com



January Audubon Nature Walk

Saturday, January 21, 9 to 11 a.m. A Nature Walk at the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary near Mt. Airy will be sponsored by the Audubon Society of Central Maryland. Come out and see how the birds are using the habitat of the sanctuary to survive the cold winter. Some of our birds, like Cardinals and Mockingbirds, stay at the sanctuary all year, but other birds, such as White-throated Sparrows, are present only in winter.

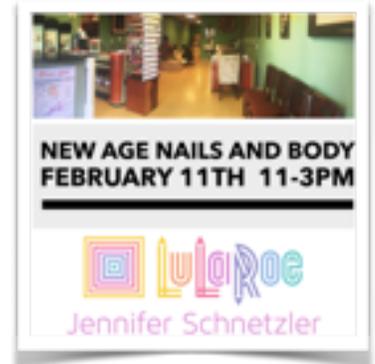
People of all ages are welcome. Meet at 9 a.m. at the entry gate to the sanctuary at 13030 Old Annapolis Road (just east of Detrick Road) in Mt. Airy. Limited rest room facilities are available, and the walk will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather or deep snow. For more information, visit www.centralmdaudubon.org or contact Crystal Kunst at hckunst@gis.net or 443-536-3071.

Calling All New Market Businesses

The Town of New Market is updating its Business Listing page on our website. Is your information listed? Up-to-date? Please email your business name, address, logo, hours of operation, contact information and a brief description of your business to mariatownofnewmarket@gmail.com. Don't forget to include your social media information!

New Age Nail & Body Now Open

Come see us at New Age Nails & Body in New Market Commons on Saturday, February 11 from 11a - 3p for a FREE eyebrow threading. LuLaRoe consultant, Jennifer Schnitzler, will also be joining us to offer you comfort and style to your wardrobe. Call 301-882-4566 to set up your appointment today and visit Jennifer's LuLaRoe Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/jenniferschnitzler. We hope to see you there!



Haunted Historical New Market, Maryland Now Available

As you travel on the historic Main Street of New Market, it doesn't look like much, but in a blink of an eye, you've traveled through one of the most haunted historical towns in Maryland. Spirits are so regular in this town that the residents don't even think about it anymore. In this book, you will witness actual photographs of the New Market spirits that still roam the town, learn about some of the areas ghost stories and actual paranormal activity from the locals who reside in New Market. Haunted Historical New Market, Maryland is available now at Happiloo (located in the Old General Store) 26 West Main Street. Visit our website ghostvisions.com for upcoming events.





NMMS Girls Varsity Basketball Team

Congratulations to NMMS Girls Varsity Basketball Team! Champions of Holiday on the Hill Tournament held at McDaniel College Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30, 2016. Final score of the game: 36 to 21.

Philanthropic Lodge 168

As we advance into a new year it's always good to reflect upon the years that pass, not so much as to live in the past, rather using this reflection as a light from distant lighthouses guiding our ships amongst the unseen shorelines that lay in our future. Philanthropic Lodge 168 has a wealth of history dating back to May 12, 1874, standing on the shoulders of Masons who have navigated through some of the darkest times; two world wars, the great depression, attacks on our homeland to some truly inspirational times; seeing the production of the Ford Model T and the first moon landing just to name a few events within history, in which Masons were involved. New Market's Masonic family is strong and growing to carry on the torch passed to us by our brothers who've gone before us.

Recently Brother Dan McDowell and I had the pleasure of sitting down with our oldest living Past Master, Howard Selby, a Brother of Philanthropic Lodge since 1949. Brother Selby, who recently turned 89, had some great stories to share about being a Mason in New Market. Mr. Selby told us about his father Howard Selby, who was also a Brother of Philanthropic. Stories about when he had broken some of his ribs and could not continue his milk delivery routes. His fellow Brothers came together and helped with his delivery route so that he could continue supporting his family. Mr. Selby also told about a time during World War II when his father along with six Brothers kept the lodge from being lost and allowing us to be part of the New Market Community to this very day. Mr. Selby also showed us the deed to our current property, which was bought and donated to Philanthropic Lodge 168, by Kathern Ann Selby, Olive

W. Sponseller, Evelyn M. Trimble, Laura S. Roop and Alverta C. Falconer; all wives of Brothers of Philanthropic 168 as recorded during August 28, 1959. These stories show some of the most pivotal points in our lodge’s history and how a bond of few can give strength to many. I’m completely humbled by the gratitude, the strength of family bonds and the camaraderie of community, that was conveyed during these times. They are awe-inspiring and should be our light from distant lighthouses, as we navigate through 2017.

One-Way Alley Workshops

The Town of New Market will be holding two (2) workshops to discuss changing the alleys in the Historic District to a one-way system. The workshops will be held at Town Hall on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Residents are encouraged to attend to provide input, opinion, and feedback. This issue was initially brought up more than 20 years ago. As the Town continues to grow and thrive it is imperative to address traffic flow issues.

Two (2) maps are available online to assist in this exploratory process. One is a proposed directional map if the alleys were to be converted to a one-way system. The other is a blank map for residents to fill in themselves and submit with alternative solutions.

Please attend one or both meetings but if you cannot attend in person please submit your feedback and opinions via email. You can also drop off or scan your comments and the map document with your suggestions.

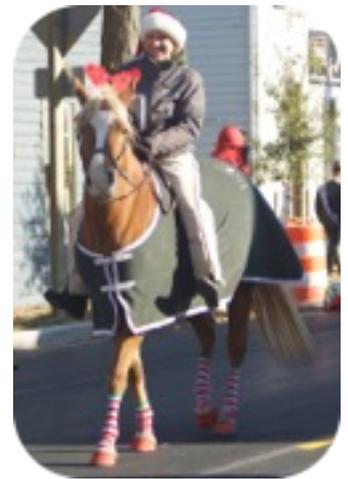
The workshops will be chaired by former Councilman and current Planning and Zoning Board Member David Price. They are intended to gather information. The results will then be reported back to the Planning and Zoning Committee at the March meeting.

Last Best Gift Workshop

Mount Carmel United Methodist Church, 9411 Baltimore Road (just off MD-144 across from Spring Ridge) is hosting a “Last Best Gift” Workshop on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 10:30 am until 12 pm. Pastor Jenny Smith and Hospice of Frederick County will discuss end of life pre-planning and advance directives. Door prizes and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 301-662-1303.



Christmas In New Market



Community Reminders

Town Alleys

With school back in session and Streetscape in full swing, many of our alleys will be travelled more heavily each day. Please be courteous to our neighbors out beautifying and maintaining their property along them. These thoroughfares are narrow. Residents may momentarily be in the drive aisle while mowing and timing vegetation.

Notice to Main Street Residents

Please do not use salt on the new concrete sidewalks during the winter. We have been advised by the State Highway Administration and Concrete General that the concrete is still curing and the salt will destroy the surface of the sidewalk. Please use sand as an alternative. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

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