

New Market News

TOWN OF NEW MARKET, MARYLAND

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

Message from the Mayor



Happy fall. During our October meeting we had a conference call with Mrs. Jennifer Allgair, General Council, for the State of Maryland Ethics Commission. She identified the following elements that may be contained in an Ethics Ordinance. They are conflict of interest, financial disclosure, post employment, spousal employment and lobbying. Financial disclosure entails identifying all your assets including investments and properties owned. Post employment means not working for an opposing party subsequent to working for government due to one's inside knowledge. Spousal employment may entail recusing oneself if your spouse has a professional relationship with a party having business with the Town. My thoughts are (these may or may not be shared with the Council) that it is appropriate to disclose conflicts of interest whether personal or spousal. If there is a significant monetary amount involved, financial disclosure of that amount may be appropriate. However, I do not feel that disclosing all of one's assets in order to be a volunteer of one of our boards is

appropriate or even proportional to the scope and size of the Town. I think this would significantly reduce the number participants willing to serve on our boards.

There may be light at the end of the tunnel for Mealey's. The court ratified the foreclosure sale on October 16th. This leaves the final accounting to be audited and approved by the court. I have spoken to the law firm conducting the audit. They believe it can be completed in a week or two. I have been following the court proceedings. Whenever court records indicated there were more documents needed, I advised Councilman Price. He would then call the trustees in order to hustle them up. Both Councilman Price and Councilman Rossman have been meeting with interested buyers and introducing them to the bank. We believe we may have a well capitalized buyer who has indicated that they think they can make the numbers disclosed to them work. Keep your fingers crossed.

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Town Council Notes

- Resolution 09-01 -- Board of Appeal Fee Schedule Amendment. The fee structure was amended for the BOA to \$250.00 at the time of application that will be used to cover the following: zoning administrator, posting of property, notices, advertisement, engineering or legal fees if required. If the fees are less than the initial \$250.00 the remainder will be refunded. If the fees exceed the initial application fee then the applicant will be responsible for the fees.
- The following water applications were approved by the Mayor & Council: 60 W. Main Street & 15 E. Main Street.
- The cluster mailbox was approved for installation at the community parking lot at the end of South Alley.
- Amendment #3 to the Water Service Area Agreement was approved .
- Howard Edwards nomination to the Planning & Zoning committee was approved. Mr. Edwards will fulfill the term vacated by Mr. D'Ovidio ending in June 2010.
- The FY10 budget was modified to change the budget item for State Highways Revenues from \$33,228 as listed in the June 10, 2009 approved budget to \$3,725.00 and to change the unappropriated reserve from \$50,6708 to \$29,503.

Planning & Zoning Notes

- Recommended to the Town Council to approve the funds to get an evaluation on the properties at 5 South Federal St. & 2 E. Main St. for possible demo by neglect.
- The committee addressed concerns from residents about neighborhood maintenance issues at Brinkley Manor .
- Shed approved for 44 W. Main Street.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 5 -- Planning & Zoning Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 10 -- HDC/ARC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 11 -- Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 12 -- Board of Appeals Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 3 -- Planning & Zoning Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 5 -- Christmas in New Market
Dec. 8 -- HDC/ARC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 9 -- Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: The office will be closed on November 26, 27, December 25, January 1



The Town Council has set aside Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as the hours for Trick-or-Treat here in New Market. For those who would like to participate, please leave your front porch light on. Motorists -- please be extra careful Saturday and watch out for all the little ones throughout town.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009

- Max. # of two (2) acceptable items per household.
- Have the two items labeled "BULK TRASH"
- Items must be at the curb in the front of the house/dwelling by 6:00 a.m.
- The Town of New Market & Key Sanitation are not responsible for any items taken in error.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (MAX 2):

Washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, ovens, wood stoves, trash compactors, furnaces, water heaters & tanks, exercise equipment, televisions, pianos, mattresses & box springs, computers, couches, & chairs, cabinets & dressers, small chairs & tables, commodes, bathtubs, sinks, picnic tables, lawn furniture.

Grill, riding mower & push mower -- must have propane, gas & oil removed.

Bicycles -- must have a tag "FOR BULK TRASH PICKUP"

Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers & humidifiers -- MUST HAVE A CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN TAG INDICATING FREON HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ITEM.

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Construction & bldg. materials, propane tanks, tires or auto parts, paint, yard waste, root-balls or tree trimmings, concrete materials, toys, boxes of small parts or materials, hazardous waste, explosives & ammunition, dead animal, human or animal feces, batteries, household trash, dirt, rocks, or sod, fencing, paint, gasoline, oil or other inflammables, bags of clothing, small appliances.

Cardboard, paper & books -- must be recycled.

Weekly Trash Totals

Here are the trash totals (in tons) for the last two months. Recycling helps to keep our costs down and keeps items that may be recycled out of the landfill.



DATE	TONS
08/04/09	5.21
8/11/09	5.53
08/18/09	4.92
08/25/09	5.77
09/01/09	4.06
09/08/09	9.64
09/15/09	5.73
09/22/09	5.55
09/29/09	5.59

Ghost Tours of New Market!!

by David Price



Ever wonder if downtown New Market was haunted? Tracie Manseau of Ghost Visions led a tour through town on Friday October 23rd to find out. The tour was sold out with 25 people attending on a dark, rainy night. Tracie started the tour at Dublin Roasters showing spirit photographs taken right here in downtown. There was a presentation, question and answer period and finally a good old fashioned ghost walk through town. Several of the shops stayed open late for the occasion and Tracie was able to identify several spirits. Armed with a K-2 meter which measures low frequency emissions - the group was lucky enough to have several encounters and some even got photographs of orbs and spirits. Tracies is planning another tour in November and the town hopes they will become a regular attraction. Check out her website www.ghostvisions.com for more information and to reserve a spot on her November tour. The tour is appropriate for all ages. Tours fill fast as many folks were turned away.

Christmas in New Market 2009

Saturday, December 5th -- 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

10:00 New Market Elementary School Chorus at the NMES Auditorium

11:00 Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Food & Children's Crafts -- Grange Hall -- 7th Alley
Christmas Caroling through Town
Refreshments & Information, Art Contest Display -- Town Hall
Canned Food Donations -- Town Hall
Children's Treasure Hunt through Town

12:00 Santa Arrives!! at Town Hall

1:30 Mid-Maryland Performing Arts Center Dance Concert at
New Market Elementary School Auditorium

3:00 Mid-Maryland Performing Arts Center Vocal Concert at
United Methodist Church

4:00 Art Awards given at Town Hall

5:00 Luminaries throughout town --
Main Street

6:00 Tree Lighting Ceremony -- East
End Community Park

7:00 Versatiles Gospel Concert --
Grange Hall



Decorate Like Williamsburg!!

This holiday season, the Downtown New Market Partnership is proud to initiate "Christmas Reflections." Taking a cue from historic Williamsburg – residents and merchants are encouraged to decorate a wreath that reflects their family or business. For example – the Williamsburg wigmaker had a wreath with styling tools and ribbons intertwined, the printer had newspaper, quills and stamped letters, the Music Hall had sheet music, recorders and instruments intertwined, family homes had their heritage and hobbies displayed. It was a wonderful way to walk through and get an intimate look at the owner or merchant within. Plus, it just made you feel good. Have fun and get creative! Let's give our visitors and our community something very special this holiday! Remember...*Christmas in New Market* is on Saturday, December 5th. Try to decorate prior to this wonderful day.



Please take a picture of your wreath so we can include it in future Christmas in New Market publications and on our website. Also, send us an email so we can come see it. For more information please email David & Kimberly Price at gallery@12westmain.com.



How would you like an entire town to see how creative you can be?

The Town of New Market is holding our annual Christmas in New Market Festival on Saturday December 5th and we need your help to decorate our Town Hall!

We are asking all K-5th graders to decorate our pre-drawn paper stocking as unique as you are. You can be creative as you would like by using markers, buttons, lace, glitter; fabric, scrap-booking papers, stencils, stickers, crayons, colored pencils, or any type of mixed media that makes the stocking look festive for the holiday season. If your child has not received a copy of the stocking from their classroom then stop by either Ruffled Feathers or Fleurish (the two newest stores next to the General Store.) Deadline for the stocking entry is Sunday November 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Bring your decorated stocking to either Ruffled Feathers or Fleurish (30A&B W. Main Street). Store hours to drop off your entry: Tuesday through Saturday 10-5 & Sunday 11-4. After all entries have been received they will be taken to Town Hall and displayed from November 30th thru December 6th. A panel of judges will select the winner(s) of the contest which will be announced at Town Hall at 4:00 p.m. on December 5. If you cannot be present -- the award will be mailed to you.

Don't forget to write your name, grade, address & phone number on the BACK of the stocking. If you have any questions, please call Melinda Bell @ 301.787.1380.

New Hours for Fleurish & Ruffled Feathers

Starting in November and through Christmas, Fleurish & Ruffled Feathers will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. New merchandise is arriving every week. They have lots of great holiday gift ideas as well as free gift wrapping. Both stores are located inside the General Store building at 26 W. Main Street.



Dancing on Main Street



The Mid-Maryland Performing Arts Center is thrilled to be opening a dance studio at 52 West Main Street this November. Formerly, Bob & Andrea's Antiques, the new MMPAC studio will rejuvenate the center of town by holding classes for anyone aged three to adult in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and more. Yoga, Pilates and Zumba will also be offered. Join us Ladies Night on November 14th for an open house and visit our location on December 5th, Christmas in New Market for a Holiday Hello. For more information please visit www.mmpac.com or call 301-694-5105.



Center for Vision Development

Now Located in New Market Professional Center



Dr. Marsha Benshir at the Center for Vision Development in New Market, Maryland has relocated to her new office at 164 W. Main Street, Suite B. Dr. Benshir provides comprehensive vision care to patients of all ages. Her practice specializes in diagnosis and treatment of visual problem which affect academic, athletic, executive achievement and performance, as well as strabismus and amblyopia. She is also trained to diagnose and treat vision problems associated with congenital and acquired brain disorders, including double vision, ocular motor problems, poor eye-teaming, visual processing disorders, post-trauma vision syndrome, visual field loss, eye-hand coordination, and focusing disorders. We Welcome any new patients from the community to join our practice for your eye care needs. For appointments, please call 301.829.1910.

Looking for a property to buy or lease? Here are two spaces available for lease:

- ★ 7th Alley (behind 22 W. Main Street) -- Approx. 300 square feet. Call: 301.514.6764
- ★ 12W. Main (approx. 12x25) -- \$450/month. Call David @301-514-7247

There are other properties for sale or rent. Councilman Price has compiled a list of properties and it is available for your review at Town Hall, 39 W. Main Street. He also has recently met with the Health Department and has info if you are looking to open a shop, restaurant, etc. Stop by or give us a call at 301.865.5544. You may also email Councilman Price directly at gallery@12westmain.com.

Town Mailing List

We are in the process of trying to update our mailing list (both snail & email versions). If you do not currently receive the town wide emails and would like to be added to the email list, please email me at: debtownofnewmarket@gmail.com. We will be happy to add you to the list. Another way to receive important updates is to join the RSS feed for the town blog. You can access the town blog at: <http://townofnewmarket.org/>

“Ask the Vet”

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While you're busy shopping, cooking, wrapping and celebrating this holiday season, your pet could be getting into trouble. Holiday goodies, decorations and new toys make for some enticing pitfalls for dogs and cats.

The first holiday hazard? Your guests. It's wonderful to see friends, neighbors and extended family, but all that extra activity could seriously rattle the brains of your four-legged family members. Dogs and cats need their "alone time" as much as the rest of us. Provide one room of the house as a quiet zone, where your pet can go to get away from it all. In addition, don't assume that your guests (particularly children) are pet-savvy.

The Poinsettia: It doesn't taste very good, and it does cause vomiting. Christmas Cactus, Mistletoe and Holly all have higher levels of toxicity. If you suspect your pet has partaken of some of this greenery, and is drooling, vomiting, or just seems a bit depressed, call your veterinarian, your closest emergency clinic, or ASPCA Animal Poison Control (888-426-4435).

The goodies: Yes, chocolate is toxic to animals. For milk chocolate, a toxic dose is roughly one ounce of chocolate per pound of dog (cats have a lower level of toxicity, but also don't usually like chocolate very much). Chocolate cakes, cookies and brownies usually have a fairly low amount of chocolate in them, and white chocolate is fairly innocuous. **Dark chocolate or baker's chocolate is very dangerous to your pets.** The levels of theobromide and caffeine are *much* higher in these products, and you should call your vet as soon as possible. Even with milk chocolate or chocolate flavored foods, you should call for help if your pet is displaying any symptoms, such as uncoordination, hyperactivity, vomiting, drooling or seizures.

Sugar-free products containing Xylitol are extremely dangerous. Call your vet immediately for help.

This is also the time for deliciously **fatty foods**, for roast turkeys left alone in the kitchen to cool, and for lots of food-related trash that dogs can't resist breaking into. Resist the urge to treat your dog to a human holiday meal. He just doesn't have the enzymes to break down that amount of fat, and can wind up with either gastroenteritis (irritation of the GI tract) or pancreatitis (irritation of the pancreas). Both maladies result in severe vomiting and diarrhea, several days of hospitalization, intravenous fluids, and supportive care.

Those flashing lights and sparkly decorations: Cats love tinsel. It's bright, shiny, and *so* satisfying to chew on. It's also a killer. Ingested tinsel becomes a "linear foreign body," meaning that instead of passing through the intestines in a clump, it goes down like a snake. As the intestines try to move the tinsel along, it becomes stuck and bunches the intestines up. This is a surgical condition and can easily be a fatal one. If you have cats, just say no to tinsel or curly ribbon.

Electric cords are also tempting to both cats and dogs. Chewing through tree light wires can be fatal to your pet, and cause house fires.

ALL OF US AT HELPING HANDS VETERINARY CLINIC WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS!

If you have a question for the vet please send them to Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic, 13653 Unionville Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771. We will try to answer them in this publication as space allows.

Sign of the Times



There is a large, weathered sign along I-70 on the edge of town. It reads "New Market Antiques Capital of Maryland - 33 shops." There are no longer 33 antique shops in town. It is false advertising. However, New Market is still a treasure worth exploring and it has much to offer locals and tourists alike. New Market has changed through the years and it is time to change that sign. At the next town council meeting in November, I will be making a motion to change the sign to "Visit Historic Downtown New Market - established 1793." The message is inviting, informational and most of all - accurate. Our festivals celebrate history. Local schools walk through town to study it. Tourists come to enjoy it. Locals bring their guests to

show it off. The Maryland Historical Trust and Frederick County Tourism are ready to celebrate it with us.

Our history can ensure our future. It is time for the town to promote: its place on The National Road, its Heart of the Civil War Heritage designation, its Historic District, its place on the Underground Railroad, the first African American school house in the county, its own existence. The more the town can shine a light on its history, the brighter the future can be. Please take the time to come to the November town council meeting to support this motion. Help New Market move into the future by celebrating its past.

Councilman David Price

The last day for yard waste pick up in 2009 is November 25th. Yard waste pickup will resume the first Wednesday in April 2010.



New Market Calendar On Sale



Gloria W. Condon -- Local Artist and a scene from the 2010 calendar



Gloria W. Condon -- Local Artist is selling her 2010 New Market calendars. You can purchase a calendar here in New Market at: Ory Custom Florals, Smith's Antiques, or town hall. You can also contact Gloria directly. 301.865.1743 (h) 301.639.6657 (c); email: condong@msn.com. Calendars are 13.95 + tax.

Check our Gloria's website (gwc-artwork.com) to view additional oil paintings.

Ask Dr. Tate.....

Dear Dr. Tate,
I'm thinking about straightening my teeth. Can you tell me more about the "invisible braces", Invisalign? Thanks, S.W.

Dear S.W.,
Invisalign is a wonderful way to correct crowded teeth and beautify your smile. It is the clear alternative to traditional brackets and wires. The system uses a series of thin, clear plastic aligners that move teeth into proper occlusion gradually. It can be used for minor crowding to more severe issues such as overbites, overlapping teeth and crossbites. The aligners are very comfortable to wear, easy to speak with and most people can't even tell that you are wearing them! Straighter teeth are not only pleasing to the eye (you may find yourself smiling more!), but straight teeth lead to healthier gums, better function for chewing and cause less stress on supporting bone and the TMJ joints. Crooked teeth are harder to clean. Tooth brush bristles cannot reach the crevices between crowded teeth and studies have shown that the bacteria living in the gums around crowded teeth are more toxic and destructive than the normal bacteria found in the mouth. The bottom line is that straighter teeth are healthier teeth. The fact that your smile becomes more beautiful is "icing on the cake". Invisalign is a great way to achieve that healthy, beautiful smile.

Keep Smiling,

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Update on Mealey's Restaurant

Last week police responded to a reported break in at Mealey's Restaurant. 4 officers and a canine unit found the door open and searched inside and out. But in fact, there was no break in. The push bar inside had worked itself loose. The screws inside the door hardware had fallen out after hundreds, if not thousands of people over the last six months, had pulled on the door trying to get in. Councilman Kimble and I fixed the handle and called a locksmith. The bank responded immediately and sent their representative to town within hours. This is good news for the town. Up until this point, the bank did not have access to their own property. It took a long time for the property to work it's way through the foreclosure/auction process. As of today, the bank now has clear title. Their intention is to turn the electricity back on and I have asked them to leave turn the front lights on as Main Street has been very dark since Mealey's closure. They agreed to do so and will be replacing the carpet inside, washing

the dishes (which were still set), washing the linens and freshening up the inside to get it ready to show in early November. There are 3 parties interested in the property including 2 serious restaurant groups. I am hopeful that the bank will be able to sell the property by the end of the year if not sooner. This fact will enable stores on Main Street to focus on a Revival rather than Survival. To help in this Revival - please consider buying at least 1 gift this year from a downtown shop. Make sure you come downtown for Christmas in New Market or walk the streets on November 14th for Ladies Night downtown. It's been a long summer with no Mealey's, now come back and help us prepare for a Revival!

Councilman David Price, Economic Development



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