

# Shenandoah Farms Newsletter Spring 2003



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## SPECIAL EDITION

**There is so much IMPORTANT NEWS to share this special edition had to be written!**

In the past eight months, since the last newsletter, great strides have been made in many areas. In this edition you will find new and exciting information about our community.

### SHENANDOAH FARMS RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



On September 11, 2002, the Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association presented a special award to the Property Owners of Shenandoah Farms, Inc. This award was given in recognition of improvements made over the last few years to Lake of the Clouds. See related article on page 5.

Shown from left to right: Michael L. Claud, civil engineer representing VLWA, Joe Longo, POSF Property Manager, and Walter Bryan, POSF Director.

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## POSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Elsie Kirk – Ridge  
Ralph Rinaldi – At Large  
Christina Galvin – Mt. Lake Alternate  
*The following positions are available:  
Ridge District and alternates for all  
districts, except Mt. Lake.*

## NEWLY FORMED COMMITTEES

At the November executive committee meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed the Standing Rules of POSF, Inc. A copy of these rules is available to any property owner, upon request.

Previously, besides the finance and roads committees, there were law enforcement, activities, membership, youth, and nominating committees. Replacing these committees are: Planning, Common Properties, Recreation and Public Relations committees. Under Public Relations fall the subcommittees of Law Enforcement, Media/Press Releases, Newsletter, Welcome Wagon, County Liaison, and POSF website.

All the committees need volunteers to help with the various tasks and projects. If you are interested, please call, write, email or stop by the office.

**\*\*See related story on page 7\*\***

## NEW CONSTRUCTION FEE

Requests have been made of the Board of Directors to waive, reimburse, or otherwise rebate the “road impact” fee. This cannot and will not be done. The Warren County ordinance pertaining to this issue is as follows:

Section 82.1 – **Establishment or increase of rates: allocation of funds.** The Board of Supervisors may from year to year prescribe or change the rates of charge for the extraordinary use of the streets and roads in sanitary districts, hereinafter included in this article, said rates of charge to be a one-time user fee charged to the owners of lots in said sanitary district upon which new construction is commencing. Such charges shall be paid by or on behalf of such owner at the time application for a building permit for a dwelling or other principal structure is made to the building Official. Such funds, less any administrative expense incurred by the county, shall be deposited into the sanitary district fund to be used for road repairs and/or maintenance within the sanitary district in the same manner as other sanitary district taxes and fees.

Sections 82.2, 82.3, 82.4 go on to state that it is unlawful to commence any building as described above without paying the new construction fee, that violating this provision is a Class I misdemeanor and that Shenandoah Farms is one of four sanitary districts in Warren County.

The correct name for this fee is ***New Construction Fee***.

## WHAT IS THE NEW CONSTRUCTION FEE?

BY RALPH RINALDI, AT-LARGE DIRECTOR

New Construction fees are not new to the building, development and construction industries. The purpose of the New Construction fee is to help offset the cost of maintaining and repairing roads within the sanitary district. Heavy trucks loaded with building materials can cause extreme damage to subdivision roads. A concrete truck loaded with 9 cubic yards of concrete weighs about 66,000 pounds (30 tons). There may be as many as 100 heavy trucks in and out of a job site during the duration of the project. Modular homes can present a problem because of tight turning radius, thus damaging culverts, trees, and other property. The Warren County Supervisors establish the amount of the fee. The fee is paid to the county at the time a permit is issued. The county will release the funds to POSF to be used for road repairs within this sanitary district. The fee is charged to any new construction project within the sanitary district. Remodeling and additions are not charged the fee. The cost is \$1,000.00. The following sanitary districts have this one-time fee: Skyland Estates, Blue Mountain, Shenandoah Farms, and Shenandoah Shores.

The overall idea of the impact fee is generally good for the Farms. Is it perfect? Some say yes, some say no. Is it fair? Some say yes, some say no.

# BIG SNOW BUSTS BUDGET

As of March 31, 2003, close to \$80,000 has been spent for snow, mud and ice. The budget for this was \$28,081, a sufficient amount for the past six years. Unfortunately, the difference in the amount budgeted and what was actually spent must come from the general road maintenance account.

The road maintenance budget is \$159,390.00. If more money than expected is collected in Sanitary District fees, it normally, as in years past, goes toward road maintenance. Road maintenance includes general maintenance, drainage improvement projects, and tree trimming.

As with other aspects of Shenandoah Farms, the maintenance of the trees in the road right-of-way has not been kept up due to previous financial constraints. Since the sanitary district was implemented, the major concern was to get all roads to a passable level of maintenance. Even with a 2<sup>nd</sup> blizzard, resulting in flooding, the majority of roads are passable, at least, all of the roads with homes and full-time residents.

It is a major undertaking to keep dirt roads passable. Even with the increased income this year, Shenandoah Farms still does not have enough to maintain the roads in the manner many would like.

A property owner suggested increasing fees to recover the funds lost for road maintenance due to this winter storm. After discussion, the POSF board voted not to increase fees for tax year 2003. Even though the winter weather hit hard, the road committee will manage this year and next with the budgeted funds. An increase is not out of the question for '04 or '05. With all costs going up, \$140 a year for an improved lot doesn't provide enough to maintain these roads.

Many residents go in and out of the subdivision on the same stretch of road every day. It is by this standard that residents gauge road conditions for the entire subdivision. A suggestion, before determining that your road is the worst, travel to some of the other roads in Shenandoah Farms (be sure you have plenty of gas and maybe a map). Ride to some other streets and see what other residents are driving on everyday. You may want to travel to another dirt road subdivision and see what the condition of the roads are, compared to Shenandoah Farms. Be sure to take into account their fees.

## **BE PREPARED**

There will be a number of people who will move out of this area after their first blizzard here. Certainly, more houses have gone on the market. Of course, if this is a person's first spring, they may take it off the market once they experience the beauty that is blooming.

Country/mountain life is different from living in a suburban neighborhood or in town. If it is important to you to hear birds and the other sounds of nature, if you prefer to see pileated woodpeckers and wildlife, if you are sick of sirens, cars and other city traffic noises, you may be willing to deal with the inconveniences. The main one being roads in disrepair at times, disruptions of TV cable, electric and phone service, slower response time by the police, fire and rescue.

Here's a list to prepare for country/mountain life.

**1-Electricity**-If an ice, electric or snowstorm is called for and you can, fill your bathtub with water. This will enable you to pour water in the toilet if the electricity goes out for any length of time. Many found this winter that the toilet does not flush but once if there is no power. If you can not fill your tub, fill buckets or bottles. If you did not prepare, throw NO water away. Water used to bathe, cook, and wash dishes can be saved to pour into the toilet to flush it.

**2-Water**-Always keep 2 to 3 gallons of water, per person on hand in case of emergency. You'll need a gallon to drink and some for bathing and cooking every day.

**3-Food**-Keep non-perishable foods on hand, cans and packages of food items that do not require refrigeration. Be sure you have at least 3 days' worth, and have a working, manual can opener.

**4-Heat**-Many have found the benefits of having a woodstove. You will have heat and a way to cook, even without electricity. This is, of course, with an old fashioned woodstove that does not require electricity to work. Make sure you have plenty of firewood on hand, 2 weeks' worth, at least, covered, to keep it dry. Make your woodpile accessible, but be wary of keeping it too close because it will invite termites and encourages a forest fire to include your house. Woodland homes should keep their woodpile 30 feet from the house.

**5-Light**-Candles, oil lamps, oil, flashlights, batteries and a battery-operated radio should be kept on hand. Another benefit of mountain life is the wonderful lack of light pollution. In town you can not see the stars. But that also means there is no streetlight shining in your windows by which to see.

**6-Generators**-Gas powered generators can keep things running during a power outage. Have fuel on hand, but please store safely.

**A forest fire in the woodland area spreads fast and it takes time for volunteer firefighters to get to you. Be sure your house number is visible, and at the end of your driveway, and, that the engines can get to your house.**

**7-Travel**-Do not try to drive unless you must. A number of people like to go out and play around on the roads after a snow. Packed snow is harder to scrape, it takes longer to melt and when packed, it turns to ice faster. A four-wheel drive, and/or chains, cables are all necessary to own when you live off paved roads. Do not expect your low riding sports car to be able to navigate these mountainous roads when there is significant snow on the ground. Do not expect your road to be plowed the second the snow starts falling, either. It takes time for the contractors to get their equipment from one place to another. An excellent job was done this year. The Friday before the blizzard, our main contractor was poised and in position. Mr. Shipe had extra help lined up and his equipment was ready. Long, long hours were put in by these men. A hearty THANKS! Every effort is made to plow ASAP, once four inches have fallen.

**8-Common sense**-If a storm is predicted, *people who live remotely* are the ones that need to run to the stores and stock up. If you or someone in your family is ill, has chronic health problems or is pregnant, you may want to make arrangements with family or friends to stay in town with them for a few days. If you have chronic problems that being isolated is a handicap you should consider moving to town.

**9-Fuel**-Keep levels of heating fuel, etc. monitored and order when low. Do not wait until a storm is underway. The fuel companies get flooded with calls. Once snow has fallen, it can be very difficult for the fuel trucks to get to your home. Their heavy weight also increases the damage done to the roads.

### **Take responsibility for your and yours. Be prepared!**

**SORRY!** The contractor Shenandoah Farms had contracted to plow snow in the High Top and Tulip Poplar area had sudden and unexpected equipment problems in the early hours of the February blizzard. This is a separate contract because of the location of these roads. Due to this situation, POSF contracted with another company. However, due to the timing, Shenandoah Farms had to wait until this contractor satisfied his previous commitments before starting. Arrangements have been made in hopes of keeping this situation from happening again.

### **PREPAY YOUR SANITARY DISTRICT fees.**

Warren County will allow residents to prepay their Sanitary District fees. They deposit the money into their coffers until the funds are due and payable to Shenandoah Farms. If this would help your personal situation you may pay \$20 a month for seven months (or however you want to do it) and be done with it. Send the payment to the Warren Co. Treasurer. Be sure to put the information on your check and a note to insure the money is applied properly.

### **LOT CONSOLIDATION**

On March 8, 2001, Warren County Supervisors joined with Commissioner of Revenue, John Smedley, to petition Judge John Wetsel regarding his June 1996 Shenandoah Farms Sanitary District ruling. The question was, "Should multiple lots, which have had a boundary adjustment survey, be considered as one for sanitary district taxation purposes?" Judge Wetsel ruled that they should. Therefore, any lots that have been combined in this manner were to be taxed as one lot beginning with the 2001 billing. If you desire to have your lots consolidated, call Gordon Jones @ (540) 636-3354 to see if your lots qualify, then apply to the Warren County Planning Director before December 1, 2003 for taxation in 2004. The POSF board of directors encourages lot consolidation. The loss in fees will be offset by the quality of the properties.

### **HOMEOWNER ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Residents attempt to help road conditions by putting things on the road at various times of the year. It is okay, in fact, helpful, if cold ashes are spread on the road. Ashes draw the sun's heat and melt the ice. Motor oil, used or new, is not a good thing to put on the road. It may help the dust, but it does nothing else that is helpful. In fact, you may be poisoning YOUR water supply. When it rains, the oil gets washed off the road into the water table. Not only is this harmful to the people who drink the water, it pollutes the streams, rivers and eventually the ocean. This is harmful to ALL life. Please take your used oil to the Warren County transfer station in Bentonville. Calcium is not to be put on the roads by residents, either. This material breaks down the road surface, resulting in more potholes, ruts, etc. The best thing any property owner can do to improve the roads is to pay their sanitary district fees, keep their ditches clear, keep trees and brush cut back from the road, install and/or maintain their culverts, come to the general board meeting the second Saturday of the month, and volunteer to help the road committee.

## **AVOIDING DISASTER**

**By Joe Longo, POSF Property Manager**

Five years ago, when Shenandoah Farms became a sanitary district, many areas of the community were revealed to need extensive repair and maintenance, our two lakes being one of those areas. Lake of the Clouds and Spring Lake were built in the 1960s. During this time, very little maintenance was done to them and some severe abuse was done to them. Some of this abuse was intentional and some was unintentional. The result was that the lakes and dams were in dangerously poor condition.

In the spring of 1998, the drain at Lake of the Clouds became obstructed, causing it to over flow. It began washing out the emergency spillway and part of the dam. The State dam inspector, Jon Philippi, became very concerned and POSF, Inc. began working with him to resolve this problem and repair almost forty years of abuse and neglect.

Our lakes fall under a Virginia State guideline, which requires any dam more than 24 feet high to have an operations permit. Our dams do not meet the safety requirements of that permit. Our lakes have been under a conditional permit, which requires us to have an annual engineer's inspection to monitor the condition of the dams. In addition, there is a question of recreational safety. Also, a conditional permit status can only last for two years. Per State guidelines, they must be brought up to a permitted status.

Over the past several years, we have worked closely with the State Dam Safety Department to meet our responsibility in improving and maintaining our lakes and dams.

The following is a list of actions that have been taken.

- ✓ Repaired both docks
- ✓ Repaired the road to Lake of the Clouds
- ✓ Dredged out the stream below Lake of the Clouds
- ✓ Installed a trash rack at Lake of the Clouds
- ✓ Repaired the emergency spillway at Lake of the Clouds
- ✓ Installed signs at both lakes
- ✓ Installed dry hydrants at both lakes
- ✓ Removed trees from both dams
- ✓ Installed cable fence at Lake of the Clouds
- ✓ Installed French drain on Lake of the Clouds
- ✓ Maintained grass and tree cutting at both lakes
- ✓ Regular cleanup
- ✓ Periodic inspections and monitoring of areas of concern
- ✓ Provided security during the summer and some holiday hours

### *Where do we go from here?*

In December of 2002, an inspection of the dams was done by Joe Longo, Property Manager; Scott Cahill, engineer, Watershed Services; and Diana Sheesley, Division of Dam Safety, Department of Conservation and Recreation. The goal is to formulate a long-term plan for repair and maintenance to achieve State safety requirements.

The first step recommended in this plan is to do a comprehensive video inspection of the drains of both lakes and an inundation study of down stream areas.

The purpose of the video inspection of the drains is to see the interior condition of the spillway pipes. The inundation study is to determine if the new construction growth in the Community will change the classification of our dams. The lakes are currently Class III. This is based on the population that would be affected (possible lives lost) in the case of dam failure. With the additional construction in the recent years, and more growth expected, our population may have grown enough to put the lakes into another category. The adjusted classification may have different guidelines and requirements.

The Common Property Committee has made dam safety its number one priority. This Committee will work with the Planning Committee to develop a long-term plan to make our lakes a safe and valuable part of our community.

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## **HOMEOWNERS ALERT**

While it is appreciated when homeowners help out in the community, it is not in the community's best interest when homeowners take it upon themselves to grade the road or plow snow. If you are not contracted with POSF, Inc., **DO NOT** perform these tasks. It is the Board of Directors responsibility to request and accept proposals for these tasks. If you are interested in submitting bids for any work that is performed by Shenandoah Farms contractors, please notify the office. The Board reviews all proposals and will respond to any proposals received.

## **HUNTING & DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS**

Frequent complaints are being registered of gunshots being heard and deer "parts" being found dumped in Shenandoah Farms. Rule number 6 below is highlighted as a reminder. This is a residential community. It is very dangerous for anyone to be firing guns in this community. How far a bullet travels, or how it may ricochet can not be known for sure. Please think of the welfare of our children, pets, and homes. Warren County code prohibits hunting in Shenandoah Farms and most deeds prohibit discharging of firearms. Please obey and respect the laws of our community, county, state and country.

***Please review these with your family and guests.***

## **SHENANDOAH FARMS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The recommended safe speed for Shenandoah Farms roads is 20 mph. Shenandoah Farms roads are dedicated as "highways" for law enforcement purposes. Therefore, they are subject to all Virginia traffic laws. The use of ATVs is prohibited. See Warren County Code 172-2-B.
2. Warren County Code 66-32-D requires all dogs to be on a leash.
3. Release of raw or untreated sewage is a violation of Health Department and Department of Environmental Quality ordinances.
4. No dumping is allowed in Shenandoah Farms. All trash removal is the responsibility of the landowner or resident. Warren County provides a dumpster at the intersection of Howellsville Rd. and Blue Mountain Rd.
5. Warren County Code 123-2 prohibits loud or disturbing noises. Virginia Code 18.2-416 prohibits violent or abusive language tending to create a disturbance of the peace, etc.

***6. Warren County Code 110-1-C prohibits hunting in Shenandoah Farms. Most Shenandoah Farms covenants prohibit the discharge of firearms except in self-defense.***

7. Virginia law forbids destruction or damage to any common property or recreation facility, including the cutting of timber, without written permission from POSF.

### **The following rules apply to the common properties and recreational facilities as defined in the POSF's by-laws:**

1. Common properties and recreational facilities hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. The exception is for rental of the recreational center. Anyone in non-compliance can be charged with trespassing.
2. Guests to the Shenandoah Farms common properties and recreational facilities must be accompanied by a landowner or resident at all times. Renters must get written permission from their landowner to use the common properties and recreational facilities. A copy must be on file at the POSF office. A pass will be issued to the renter for duration of their lease.
3. Virginia law prohibits overnight camping on the common properties and recreational facilities.
4. All common properties and recreational facilities must be left clean for the next user. No glass containers allowed.
5. Swimming and boating at the Shenandoah Farms lakes is at your own risk. Only electric trolling motors are allowed in the lakes. Fishing is in accordance with Virginia law. Virginia law prohibits nude bathing.
6. Open-air fires are prohibited at the common properties and recreational facilities. Barbecues and enclosed fires are permitted. Extinguish all fires before leaving the premises.
7. All vehicles are to be parked in the designated parking areas. No parking is allowed on the grass portion of the lakes and dams. ATVs and dirt bikes are not allowed at the recreational facilities or common properties.

**MOTHER NATURE** has reminded us this season just what WINTER is. Our roads have been frozen solid, then inches, sometimes feet deep in mud, blocked by trees, and sometimes unbelievably dusty.

If you own an unimproved lot check it to see that your trees have not fallen, causing the roads to be blocked. If you are unable to do it yourself, you may call the office for a referral to have someone locally inspect it, and/or cut any trees that are hazardous. It is recommended that you keep your lot clear of downed trees as they feed forest fires

## **DON'T BE A LITTERBUG!**

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!** to everyone who pitched in and cut the trees that were blocking the roads enabling themselves and their neighbors to go to work and shop. After the January ice storm, groups of people went out with their chain saws and cleared the way. There was a concert of singing chain saws that morning, sounded so sweet! **THANK YOU!** There are also a number of people who pick up trash that is thrown out along the road. This means so much to all of us in the community. All of the names are not known, but here are a few of the people who care about their neighborhood and do something about it:

**The Castros, the Blansetts, Dennis Galvin, Skip McDonough, Kathy Budnie, Paul Sheehan, John McDonald, Seth Black, David Peacoe.**

## **POSF COMMITTEES**

**Planning** The purpose of this committee is to formulate a plan for the future of Shenandoah Farms such as, are there amenities that should be added for our community's use; should the existing amenities be improved upon, maintained, discarded; what is the long range future of the roads. The chairman of this committee is Don Hoover. Also serving are Ralph Rinaldi, Walter Bryan, Kathleen George, Brian Crammer and Joe Longo.

**Finance** This committee's primary concern is preparing budgets and keeping track of POSF's money. The long-term goal is to work with the Planning and other committees to develop long-range plans for the future of Shenandoah Farms. The Finance committee will be the lead committee for preparing cost and revenue estimates for long-range plans. The chairman for this committee is Walter Bryan. Other members are Ralph Rinaldi and Kathleen George.

**Recreation** Creating and promoting safe and fun activities for the families in Shenandoah Farms is the main purpose of this committee. For 2003, Family Fun Night will be starting again in the spring. This is a Friday evening event that families may attend with their favorite games. Tables are set up in the community center and everyone has a blast! Also planned for this year is a Craft Show/Yard Sale, the successful Halloween party and a new event coming soon, Family Movie Night! Cathy Longo chairs this committee. Membership also includes Lisa Blansett, Elsie Kirk and Joe Longo.

**Roads** This committee's goals are to appraise road conditions, decide what roads receive what work and when. Brian Crammer is chairing this committee. Serving with him is Ralph Rinaldi, Patrick Skelley, Terry Weaver, Joe Longo, Kathleen George, Judy Lancie, and Tim Lovett.

**Common Properties** All of the properties that belong to POSF, excluding roads, fall under this committee's purview. The river access, lakes, The John Shipe, Jr. Park, picnic areas, etc., are being evaluated. The effect these areas have on the community and their maintenance needs is the main concern of this community. The chairman for Common Properties is Terry Weaver. Membership on this committee is Joe Longo and Patrick Skelley.

**Public Relations** This committee's purpose is to address the community needs for law enforcement, media/press releases, newsletter, welcome wagon, county liaison, POSF website and neighborhood watch. Subcommittees have been formed in each of these categories. The chairperson of this committee is Karen Sprint. Serving with her are: Cathy Longo, Christy Galvin, Edna Rinaldi, and Elsie Kirk.

With only six exceptions, all of the committee members are also Directors for the Board. Help is *desperately* needed in every committee. Please come and share your time and talents. An hour or two a month, anything, HELP! You do not have to become a board member, you do not have to attend meetings, just help whenever, wherever you can to make this community a better place for everyone.

## 2002 – 2003 Budget vs. Actual

### Financial Summary

The 2002 expense table shows the budgeted amount and the amount that was actually spent for each budget category. It appears that the audit cost twice as much as was budgeted, but this was actually not the case. The 2001 audit was not paid until 2002, so the two audits were paid in the same calendar year. The cost of each audit was close to the amount budgeted.

The 2003 budget is based on the new two-tier sanitary district fee of \$70 per unimproved lot and \$140 for improved lot. The road maintenance account received seventy-five percent of the projected increase with the rest going to dam repairs and insurances. POSF carried over \$30,520.12 from 2002. This amount was made up of the January budgeted carryover, emergency fund, road projects, snow removal, and other accounts which were under-budget.

<u>2003 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>2002 Budget</u>	<u>2002 Actual</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>
2002 Carryover           \$ 30,520	2001 Carryover           \$ 37,315	2001 Carryover           \$ 37,315
Non Sanitary District       8,144	Non Sanitary District     9,452	Non Sanitary District     9,452
Sanitary District           257,844	Sanitary District        178,970	Sanitary District        178,970
New Construction           19,118	New Construction        38,237	New Construction        38,237
Projected Revenue         \$315,626	Projected Revenue        \$263,974	Actual Revenue           \$263,974
 <u>Expenses</u>	 <u>Expenses</u>	 <u>Expenses</u>
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Administrative</b>
Audit                   \$ 2,250	Audit                   \$ 2,100	Audit                   \$ 4,300
Insurance               11,000	Insurance               10,959	Insurance               9,651
Legal & Fees            1,035	Legal & Fees            1,525	Legal & Fees            471
Newsletter              3,000	Newsletter              4,000	Newsletter              3,948
Office expenses         1,500	Office expenses         1,800	Office expenses         1,713
Office manager         15,000	Office manager         13,750	Office manager         13,584
Property manager       22,500	Property manager       22,500	Property manager       22,776
Taxes                   1,500	Taxes                   1,000	Taxes                   1,290
<b>Common Property</b>	<b>Common Property</b>	<b>Common Property</b>
Community Center       2,050	Community Center       2,050	Community Center       1,756
Mowing                  3,500	Mowing                  3,500	Mowing                  2,760
Lakes/Dams             25,000	Lakes/Dams             6,496	Lakes/Dams             5,093
Equipment/Supplies     1,000	Equipment/Supplies     2,475	Equipment/Supplies     2,147
<b>Recreation/Events</b> 800	<b>Recreation/Events</b> 1,737	<b>Recreation/Events</b> 1,775
<b>Utilities</b> 3,020	<b>Utilities</b> 3,020	<b>Utilities</b> 2,667
<b>Security Patrol</b> 10,000	<b>Security Patrol</b> 12,000	<b>Security Patrol</b> 13,446
<b>Emergency Fund</b> 10,000	<b>Emergency Fund</b> 10,000	<b>Emergency Fund</b> 0
<b>Snow Removal</b> 25,000	<b>Snow Removal</b> 15,000	<b>Snow Removal</b> 12,514
<b>Road Maintenance</b> 162,471	<b>Road Maintenance</b> 134,974	<b>Road Maintenance</b> 133,563
<b>Year End Carryover</b> 15,000	<b>Year End Carryover</b> 15,000	<b>Year End Carryover</b> 0
Total                   \$315,626	Total                   \$263,886	Total                   \$ 233,454



## SFVFD NEEDS YOU!!

With the ever increasing cost of equipment and the short fall of volunteers, **your** local volunteer fire and rescue department needs you. Whether you choose to help financially or by donating your spare time, we will be able to use it. If there are approximately 1,095 adults living in Shenandoah Farms and on approximately 4,500 lots, then why did we manage to answer over 300 calls last year with only 30 adults? Because we care about our community and we wanted to help our neighbors. Some of you may be saying “I don’t have time” or “I can not afford to help financially”; to a slim few of you, this is true. To the rest of you: Get up - Get out and help us help our community. If you choose not to be a member, you can still help. There are several ways to help, like: posting your house number / trimming low branches so emergency equipment can get to you / repair or notify POSF if a street sign is broken or missing / attend our many fund raising events. There are several ways to help your community, none of

which is more gratifying then volunteering. Come on, help us help you. **JOIN TODAY. IT’S EASIER THAN YOU THINK!!**

Many emergency calls are made at night. Please make sure your house numbers can be easily seen from the road. If your house sets back from the road, please put your house numbers on a post, tree, fence, or stump. If possible, have someone waiting by the driveway to direct the rescue vehicle. Minutes wasted, looking for a house number, could be crucial in an emergency.

For more information or hall rental, please call 540-837-1290, or you are welcome to join us at one of our monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.

### REMINDER: CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES!!

#### CONTACT NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND NUMBERS

*Clip and Save*

**Please write, whenever possible, as a written letter may be more effective.** You may send a copy to the POSF office of any correspondence for our files.

The following are all located at  
220 S. Commerce St.  
Front Royal, VA 22630, note suite #

Contact for trash and refuse issues  
**Assistant County Administrator**  
Richard “Dick” J. Magnifico  
Suite 100

Contact for planning and zoning  
**Zoning Administrator**  
Gordon Jones  
Suite 400

Contact for any Warren County issues  
**Shenandoah District Supervisor**  
Ben Weddle  
Suite 100

**To reach our representative in the Virginia House of Delegates, Clay Athey, 18<sup>th</sup>**

**District Delegate you may call –**

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