

# OUR TOWN

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

A warm hello to each of you! I am beginning my second term as Mayor of New Market and am looking forward to working with the community. The Town Council and I are committed to working on economic development and we will strive to work towards bringing new businesses to the area. In addition, we plan to work with our current businesses to discuss what we can do to make New Market a better place to begin and continue a successful business.

I hope you will be able to come out and enjoy the Independence Day celebration on **July 3, 2016**. I want to thank the Rebel Fireworks Association and the New Market community for their support and contribution to the event this year. This is an example of a community coming together to make good things happen. By working together, we can make our town an inviting place to live and visit.

The New Market Heritage Days Festival will be held on September 24-25, 2016 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy the local vendors, homemade crafts, food items, and entertainment. It's a good time to socialize with others in the town. For more information, contact the New Market Chamber of Commerce at 540-740-3212.

The 2016 Route 11 Yard Crawl is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2016. More information and updates can be found at

<http://shenandoahcountychamber.com>. Hope you can come out and enjoy the event by selling or buying.

We are beginning the early summer months which brings us much heat and humidity. Heat is the number 1 weather-related killer. It is important that we pay special attention to senior citizens, young children, those with health or breathing problems and outdoor pets. If you or someone you know feel overcome by the heat, you should move to a cool, air conditioned or shaded location.

Summer is a perfect time for grilling and enjoying the warm weather. Use extra caution when barbecuing or cooking outdoors at home or on family picnics. By making sure your grill is in good working order, you can create a safe environment for yourself and your guests.

July is National Blueberry Month. Fresh blueberries are scrumptious and are very good for your health. There are many foods you can make such as cakes, cobblers, and ice cream. They are also great to eat as a snack. Try to enjoy this scrumptious treat during the month. I hope you all continue to have a safe and pleasurable summer. Remember, during the months when you are in need of that upcoming gift for an event,--"think local, shop local".

Douglas C. Bradley  
Mayor of New Market

## FREE CLOTHING

Free Clothing for Needy People available at the Seventh Day Adventist's Community Services Center (62 West Lee Highway). Hours of availability are Wednesdays 8:30 am-5:00pm and Thursdays 8:30 am- 12:00 pm. Questions? Call 740-8550.

## LIONS CLUB AUCTION

The 27th Annual Lions Club Auction will be held on Monday, July 4th at 11:00 a.m. at the New Market Community Park. The Club is still accepting donations and donations are tax deductible. Proceeds benefit local Lions Club projects. For more information call 540-740-8823 or 540-333-5227.

**THE TOWN OF NEW MARKET VIRGINIA**  
EST 1796

**2nd Annual Summer Music Series**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

REBEL PARK | 9186 John Sevier Road  
New Market, VA 22844 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Please no outside food or drink

**CROSS ROADS FEST 2016**

New Market

Parking behind New Market Community Center

Food and Drink Available for Purchase • Beer & Wine Garden  
Bring a blanket or chair. Enjoy an evening of Local Music, BBQ, & Brews.

 <b>June 3</b> Hackens Boys Country & Rock n Roll	 <b>July 15</b> Shenandoah Alley Homegrown VA Bluegrass	 <b>August 12</b> If Birds Could Fly Folk, Americana, Rock n Roll	 <b>Sept. 2</b> Who Shot John Blues, Soul, Rock n Roll
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## LIBRARY NEWS

The adult program for July will be Through the Looking Glass: The Art of Visual Storytelling presented by Stephen French. The program will be held July 16, 2016 at 3:00 pm. Stephen is a high school student, film writer and director. He has worked as an aspiring film-maker for 10 years. Through his quest to work in film-making, he has learned countless life lessons at a very young age, including:

- How not to fire an employee
- How not to conduct an interview
- How not to organize a schedule
- How not to collaborate on a screenplay
- How not to manage finances
- And much, much, more.

What Stephen has successfully accomplished is that he has written and produced 2 feature length movies that have been shown on the big screen. His first film, "Detached" was shown at Alamo Draft house and other local theaters.

His second film, "Expired", was shown at the Woodstock Community Theater in concert with showings of the Alfred Hitchcock, horror film, "The Birds". Stephen made his first film at the age of 7. As a now, seventeen year old, he has spent the intervening years with a video camera in tow. When he is not working on personal projects, he is running his event videography company, Crosscut Media Productions ([www.stephentfrench.com](http://www.stephentfrench.com)). *"Ultimately, whether through photo or through video, that's the goal; tell a captivating visual story that can be enjoyed over and over again."* Stephen T. French

**New this summer!** EXERCISE YOUR MIND! An adult summer reading challenge. 8 Weeks to get your mind in shape! Thursday, June 8th through August 11. Enter your name each time you read a book, entries from all 8 weeks will be included in a drawing on August 11th. All participants receive a canvas library tote bag. Prizes include \$25 gift cards, signed copies of Becoming Madison by Michael Signer, and the grand prize is an Amazon Kindle Paperwhite E-Reader!

It is not too late to pick up a reading log for your child! Record time spent reading and return the log to the library for prizes. The READ FOR THE WIN summer reading club continues through July and into August. Programs are at 10:00 on Thursday mornings.

- July 7th - Reading with the Rebels at Rebel Park - Books, games, face painting, crafts and fun with the Rebel baseball players.
- July 14th-Reading and Rhythm, Michael Deaton returns with another fun-filled program.
- July 21st-Famous Races and Riddles, Kim and Jimbo bring a musical program sponsored by the VA Commission for the Arts
- July 28th-Performers from the Schultz Theater share from their production of The Little Mermaid.
- August 4th-Get Active With Ronald McDonald
- August 11th- Summer Reading Celebration with the Handley Puppets

### **New Books at the Library:**

Dishonorable Intentions,  
Stuart Woods  
End of Watch, Steven King  
I Almost Forgot About You,  
Terry McMillan  
The Cavendon Luck,  
Barbara Bradford

The House of Secrets, Brad Meltzer  
Liberty's Last Stand, Stephen Coonts  
Barskins, Anne Prioux  
Charcoal Joe, Walter Mosely  
Duty and Honor, Clancy/Blackwood  
Foreign Agent, Brad Thor

## REBEL FIREWORKS ASSOCIATION

**Fireworks: July 3, 2016 9:30 pm**

Mark your Calendars! Save the Date! July 3, 2016, from 5-9:30 pm at the New Market Community Park, the Rebel Fireworks Association presents the comeback of fireworks to our historic town! Not only do we celebrate our country's independence, but we also celebrate New Market's 220th birthday!

Parking is free, Food/Drinks are available for purchase, Kids Activities, 50/50 Raffle, Live Music, Dunking Booth, Pickle Ball, Home Run Derby and so much more! For more information, contact Kelli Penstock at (540) 624-2160 or see the Rebel Fireworks Facebook page! \*(Sorry no pets or alcohol)

## NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Members and guests are invited to the New Market Historical Society Annual Summer Picnic. It will be held at the White House Farm Foundation in Page County (1917 Kaffman's Mill Road, Luray) on Thursday, July 28th. Look for the NMHS banner--the farm is on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River, northwest of Highway 211 East. A tour of the farm will begin at 5:00 PM followed by a "potluck" picnic. The Historical Society will furnish paper- and plastic-ware, bottled water and iced tea. Please bring your own chairs.

The White House Farm is very significant to Page County history located within the original 5,000-acre land grant which became the first European settlement in the Shenandoah Valley. The brick farmhouse was built in 1890 and has been restored, complete with faux painting of exotic hardwoods on cupboards, steps and baseboards. This popular practice in the Victorian era lent an air of sophistication of home of the time.

## NEW MARKET COMMUNITY POOL

### **Seasonal Hours**

The pool officially opens on a limited basis (weekends only) beginning on Memorial Day weekend. It will then be open seven days a week beginning on June 20th. The hours of operation are from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. The pool is open to all members of the public, but children under 10 years of age should be accompanied by an adult. All guests are expected to abide by the rules and regulations posted at the pool. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase at the concession stand.

### **Summer Passes**

- Ages 12 & up - (\$60)
- Ages 11 & under - (\$50)

### **Daily Admission**

- Ages 12 & up - (\$4)
- Ages 6-11 - (\$3)
- Free Admission for ages 5 and under when accompanied by a paying adult

### **Pool Parties**

After the pool officially opens, those interested in making reservations for a pool party are asked to contact the New Market Community Pool staff directly at (540) 740-3362. Pool party rates are set at a flat rate depending upon the number of people attending. The rates are as follows:

- 0-49 people (\$125/event)
- 50-100 people (\$150/event)
- 100(+) people (\$200/event)

## ROTARY CLUB

July 6 - New member Initiation, Board Installation  
July 13 - Member meeting & new member presentation. July 20 -  
Jim Douglas - summer gardening projects  
July 27 - TBD, check with web site

All programs start at noon at the Shenvalee Golf Resort. The public is invited to attend any program of interest to them. For current club information refer to: [www.newmarketrotaryclub.net](http://www.newmarketrotaryclub.net).

## NEW MARKET CHAMBER

The New Market Chamber is excited to be partnering with the Economic Development Committee to explore the challenges our town is facing. The first two panel discussions were well attended. We would like to thank our members that participated on each panel. We also encourage all the citizens of New Market to attend the remaining discussions. Stay tuned for the dates to be set!

Our Merchants' Committee has distributed flyers at different locations throughout the town. Pick up a copy and take advantage of the coupons. The challenge has been set for all to visit at least two businesses a week and find out what your town has to offer. You will be pleasantly surprised!

We will be at the park July 3, 2016 for the fireworks festivities. Stop by our table and see what we have to offer.

It's not too late to reserve a space for the Route 11 Yard Crawl. We only have a few spaces left so call the office today!! 540-740-3212.

Heritage Days will be held Sept. 24-25, 2016. We are still accepting food and craft vendors. This is also a great opportunity for nonprofits to raise money. We anticipate a great weekend with something for everyone!

## NEW MARKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the month of May, the Police Department responded to 427 calls for service. Officers handled 3 motor vehicle crashes and made 8 physical arrests. Officer's issued 48 traffic summons and gave 74 warnings for various traffic offenses.

Crime Prevention tip: While legal fireworks and sparklers are a popular part of July 4th celebrations, they are a danger to users, pets, and the environment. In many areas of Virginia, fireworks could become a cause of outside fires and injuries. Many types of fireworks (including firecrackers, sparklers, bottle rockets, skyrockets, torpedoes and other fireworks that explode, travel laterally, rise into the air, or fire projectiles into the air) are illegal in Virginia unless you are a licensed contractor. If you have questions regarding fireworks please contact the Police Department.

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 the NMPD will again participate in National Night Out. It will be held at the New Market Town Office beginning at 6:00 pm. The details of the event are coming soon. Please check the Town of New Market Website for details. National Night out is open to everyone. Hope to see you there!

**Please Buckle UP!!!!**

## LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Loaves and Fishes food pantry is located in the basement of Manor Memorial Methodist Church (9320 North Congress Street). The basement entrance is located in the back of the church along John Sevier Road. The pantry is open to residents of New Market, Quicksburg, and Forestville on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

## NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE

New Market Fire and Rescue is seeking volunteers to help staff the department. Whatever your interests or abilities there is something you can do that will help.

We are looking for people interested in becoming ambulance drivers, EMTs or firefighters. Training is provided. Volunteers are also needed for support activities such as helping with Friday night bingo or other fundraising events, including food preparation, and with maintaining the building and grounds or assisting with various administrative tasks. Adult members of the department range in age between 18 and upper seventies, so it is never too soon or too late to get involved in serving your community. There is also a program for junior members starting at age 16.

For more information or to get an application, ask any member or call 540 975-2315. Join us and become a First Responder working to keep the community safe.

NMFR will have a booth at the July 3rd celebration at the New Market Community Park and donations of glasses for the dime pitch game are needed. Cakes are also needed and may be dropped off at the firehouse July 1-3, 2016.

## AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN POST 166

If you have not been by the Post lately to meet Phyllis or Sarah, please do so and check out the weekly specials. You can also call the Post after 4:00 pm at 740-8653 for take out orders and other information.

Steak suppers are held on the 1st Friday and shrimp suppers are held on the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 5 pm. These suppers are open to the public and are held in the club room.

Let us schedule your party, meeting, reunion, reception, banquet or other event in our social hall, or picnic pavilion, located at 202 E. Old Cross Rd. Contact Ron Thompson, Event Coordinator, phone 540-246-7901 or e-mail: [thomps548@gmail.com](mailto:thomps548@gmail.com).

Chicken Bar-B-Q will be held the second Saturday of each month through October. Orders can be obtained in advance by calling Kenneth Shomo, at 246-2110 or the Post Home 740-8653, after 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

For any information on the membership of the Sons of the American Legion please call Gary Cunningham at 740-8490 or Commander Dennis Thompson at 335-5791.

The week of Memorial Day the Post honored around 300 veterans by placing American Flags on their grave in the New Market area and surrounding cemeteries.

The Legion's annual Craft Show and Yard Sale will be held on October 22nd and 23rd. Apple butter will be made on the premises on October 21st. Applications will be mailed around July 1st. Anyone having items that you would like to donate for the Yard Sale can contact Charles White at 740-3437, or Ron Thompson.

Any old, torn, or frayed flag can be left for proper disposal at the Post Drop Box which can be found in our parking lot. Please do not leave them in plastic bags.

Please support your Veterans and the Post by signing up a new member.

**USA - "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"**



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## July 2016

- 1 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 3 Independence Celebration in New Market Community Park
- 4 Town Office closed in observance of Independence Day
- 5 Council Committee Meetings in the following Order: Finance & Personnel, Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, Economic Development & Historic Preservation (Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm
- 5 Planning Commission Meeting (Tuesday instead of Monday) 7:30 pm
- 8 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Cross Roads Fest Featuring Shenandoah Alley 6:30-8:30 pm
- 15 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 29 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

## August 2016

- 1 Council Committee Meetings in the following Order: Finance & Personnel, Public Works, Public Safety, Tourism, Economic Development & Historic Preservation (Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm
- 1 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2 New Market Police Department - National Night Out 6:00 pm
- 5 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12 Cross Roads Fest Featuring If Birds Could Fly 6:30-8:30 pm
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- 13 Route 11 Yard Crawl
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- 15 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
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- 26 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

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

Doug Bradley, Mayor • John H. Blosser, Vice Mayor  
 Gary D. Comer • Peggy Harkness • Charles E. Litten • Tim Palmer • Scott Wymer  
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

### ADMINISTRATION

Michael Ritchie ..... <i>Town Manager/ Town Clerk</i> Chris Rinker ..... <i>Police Chief</i> Chad Neese ..... <i>Town Planner/Zoning Administrator</i> Teresa Green ..... <i>Treasurer</i>	Donna Lohr ..... <i>Administrative Assistant</i> Lindsey Kipps ..... <i>Office Assistant</i> Brittany Clem ..... <i>Events &amp; Marketing Director</i>
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