

MAYOR'S CORNER

There's a cycle of activities that the Town of New Market completes every year. Our cycles include seasonal activities like the December holiday season; other cycles are based on the fiscal year which begins on July 1. In early spring we begin the budget cycle. This is an annual activity that the town undertakes to set priorities for the coming year to address the town's present and future needs. As the budget cycle moves forward, the discussions are about what the town can afford to do now, what can be moved to the future, or what can be eliminated.

Our annual budget cycle begins with department leaders who are asked to list the items they need for the short term (next year) and the longer term. These requests range from supplies to equipment, staffing needs and salaries. Some of the largest expenses address long-term needs which are taken from a list of capital improvements submitted earlier in the fiscal year. The Town Manager meets with department leaders and considers the requests then reviews all these requests as they might fit into the overall budget.

The Town Manager will then work with our department leaders to identify "needs" vs. "wants." While this may seem simple, there are items on the "wants" list that can save the town money in the future, therefore they should not be dismissed! Overall, priorities are determined across all departments and the Town Manager will compile the first draft of the budget to be presented to the Town Council. Council members will consider and discuss the priorities, especially as they will impact our local tax situation for the next year.

Public hearings to describe next year's budget will be scheduled in April or May so that taxpayers can become aware of what items or projects are being submitted. At this point in the cycle there is an opportunity for taxpayers to provide input. The Town Council will then determine if there are needed revisions, and whether the town is ready to approve the budget in May or June. All dates of public hearings and Council meetings as well as the latest information are posted on the town website.

I know from past experience that the budget process works and that our staff and council members try to ensure that our needs are met.

In recent years, the interest in our budget has been minimal based on the number of residents who attend budget hearings. I hope this is a result of the predictable budget review process as well as a sense of good faith in the town's management and elected officials. Input from our residents and taxpayers is always welcome. Anyone who has an interest is invited to attend our meetings or submit a letter with their suggestions.

Reminder: If any resident wants to speak with me privately about a New Market concern, I am available between 6:00pm-6:30pm on the third Monday of the month prior to Town Council meetings, or by phone through a number provided by the Town Office staff.

Peter Hughes

Mayor of New Market

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you need a zoning permit for certain things in town? Do you want to build a fence? Put on a new porch? Build a new shed or replace an existing one? Have chickens? Yes, you need a zoning permit for all of that. Don't have a house yet and want to build one? A zoning permit is needed as well. Visit our website for more information on zoning permits or call the office with any questions.

Have a question that you would like answered? Feel free to email me at d.prunka@newmarketvirginia.com and I will do my best to find an answer for you.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are celebrating Spring with programs for children at the New Market Area Library!

- April 2nd -10:00am Books and Babies – for children ages 0-3 and their caregivers. The theme will be “April Showers”

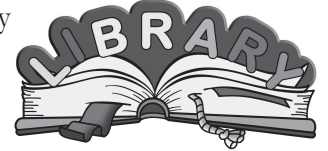
- April 18th – 10:00am Preschool Storytime – for children ages 3-5, features books, songs, rhymes and activities. April’s program will be “Down by the Pond.”

Our adult program will be on Sunday, April 6th at 2:00pm. Anyone with an interest in local history won’t want to miss historian E.K. Knappenberger’s talk:

Joseph Salyards (1808-1885): The Eternal Sage of Shenandoah. From a backwoods, illiterate, fatherless poverty to the most celebrated man of letters of the Valley; the translator of Martin Luther; the poet of

Idothea; the intellectual father of thousands of 19th century Virginia’s most revered thinkers; literal cult figure of the 20th century. He taught at the New Market Polytechnic Institute as well as the New Market Academy.

E.K. Knappenberger is a historian and graduate student (Doctor of Letters, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey) working on intellectual history of the Shenandoah region. He is a former US Army intelligence analyst and Iraq war veteran, with degrees from Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Eastern Mennonite University and Whatcom Community College.



POOL STAFF NEEDED



The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2025 season. Lifeguards must currently have, or be able to obtain prior to the season, a Red Cross certification. Interested candidates must be willing to work flexible hours. Starting pay for lifeguards is \$13.50/hr.

Applications for employment are available on the Town’s website www.newmarketvirginia.com/contact/employment or at the Town Office, 9418 John Sevier Road.

This is a great opportunity for summer employment and a way to make some extra cash. The Pool opens Saturday, May 24, 2025. Applications can be turned in to the Town Office, Attn: Amber Smoot, Administrative Assistant, at 9418 John Sevier Road or mailed to P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844.

NEW MARKET COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Come to the New Market Community Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Lots of eggs filled with goodies to find, fun crafts, and meet the Easter Bunny!

The hunt will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m., so you will want to arrive early to get into starting positions. Please make sure to bring your own basket for collecting eggs. This event is for ages 1-12.

Date: April 12th, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: New Market Community Park

Cost: FREE

(Crafts while supplies last)

Sponsored by the Town of New Market, MVHS Interact Club, New Market Rotary, Southern Kitchen

OUR TOWN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Are you interested in helping with town events like Cross Roads Music Fest? Or are you more interested in public art projects? Do you have graphic design talent or interest in cultivating partnerships?

Then we are looking for YOU! The Our Town Enhancement committee focuses on improving the quality of life in New Market by creating a unique and thriving downtown environment, preserving our town’s history, strengthening our position as a recreation and tourism destination, and establishing a sense of place by developing community pride and involvement.

If interested in learning more or signing up, contact Savannah Frazier at 540-740-3432 or s.frazier@newmarketvirginia.com

NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

Spring is right around the corner. Is everyone getting ready for warmer weather?

For the month of February, our crews ran a total of 134 calls. Of those calls, 98 were for EMS and 36 were for fire services with 63 of those calls being within town limits.

We would like to thank everyone who purchased and/or came to our Spring Fling. It was a huge success! If you did not get to purchase a ticket or come to the Spring Fling, mark your calendars now so you don't miss our Fall Fling that will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

Upcoming Events:

- April 19th: Bingo! Doors open at 4:30pm and games start at 6:30pm.

Are you looking to hold an event but do not have enough space? Call Stephanie at 540-335-8706 and ask about our hall rental.

For more information about upcoming events, find us on Facebook under New Market Fire and Rescue then like and follow our page.

Thank you for your continued support for our department!

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day Committee is hard at work planning this year's Independence Day Celebration. This celebration comes together with partnerships of several individuals that make up our 501c3 nonprofit group, along with the Town of New Market.

Each year the Independence Day Committee asks YOU the citizens and businesses of New Market to help support our efforts. This support helps with growing activities, entertainment, marketing and more. We are humbly asking you to contribute to this effort with financial support.

If interested in sponsoring, funds can be made payable to NMIDCC and mailed to PO Box 1103 New Market, VA 22844 or if you would like to discuss sponsorship benefits, we would be happy to discuss.

For more information you can contact Jim Douglas at 540-630-1503 or Savannah Frazier at 540-740-3432.

You can mark your calendars for July 5th, 2025

2025 HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP ADDITIONAL DAYS

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items **THREE MORE times this year**. More information will be given closer to the pickup dates.

This year's heavy trash pick-up schedule is:

- May 12-16
- Aug 11-15
- Oct 20-24

JAMMIN' FOODS FEST

Mark those calendars!! New Market's annual food truck fest is BACK!

Held in the New Market Community Park, there will be a selection of food trucks, live music, vendors, and fun things for the kids to do.

More details to come as the event moves closer.

Date: May 17th, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: New Market Community Park

Admission cost: FREE



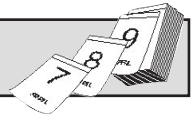
LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY



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 all on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

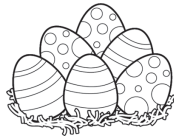
Next food pantry is Thursday, April 17, 2025.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 2025

- 4 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 11 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12 **Community Easter Egg Hunt –**
New Market Park 9:30am
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 21 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 25 Lawn and Leaf Pickup



May 2025

- 2 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 9 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12-16 **Heavy Trash Pickup**
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 17 **Jammin' Foods Fest - New Market Park** 4-9pm
- 19 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 24 **Pool Opens**
- 26 **Town Office closed in observance of Memorial Day**
- 30 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

TOWN OF NEW MARKET CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Services:

Emergencies: 911
Shenandoah County Dispatch: 540-459-6101
Police Department: 540-740-3776
Fire and Rescue: 540-740-8904

New Market Town Office: 540-740-3432

Dispatch: 540-459-6101
(After-hours and weekend Water/Sewer Emergencies)

Town of New Market

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

(540) 740-3432 • www.newmarketvirginia.com

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TOWN COUNCIL

Peter Hughes, Mayor • Peggy Harkness, Vice Mayor

Scott Wymer • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah • Larry Bompiani

Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

Nathan Garrison..... *Town Manager*
Summer Barden..... *Assistant Town Manager*
Chris Rinker..... *Police Chief*
Teresa Green..... *Town Treasurer*
J.D. Fadley..... *Public Works Director*

Savannah Frazier..... *Events & Marketing Director*
Amber Smoot..... *Executive Assistant*
Lindsey Kipps..... *Office Assistant*
De Prunka..... *Office Assistant*

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