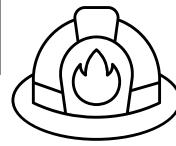


# OUR TOWN



## LIBRARY NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2025

Tis the Season for appreciating the volunteers that serve our community by providing library services with a welcoming smile. You will see some of our volunteers as we participate in New Market's Tis the Season festivities. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the library on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, to meet children and give them a treat after the Tis the Season parade. (Parade starts at 5:00 pm). The library is also a place to drop off your child's letter to Santa. We'd like to invite patrons to bring non-perishable, non-expired food items for the ReUnite the Light holiday food drive by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Books and Babies story time for ages 0 to 3 and caregivers will be held on Wednesday, December 3, at 10:00 am at the library. The story time theme is Jingle Bells. Activities include short stories, songs, movement, bell ringing, and playing together.

Preschool Story time for ages 3 to 5 and caregivers will be held on Friday, December 19, at 10:00 am at the library. The theme is Gingerbread. Activities include listening to books, songs, chants, movement, and a craft related to the theme.

The library will close at 2:00 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be closed December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday and January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Year's Day.

## FLASHLIGHT CANDY CANE HUNT

Bundle up, grab a flashlight and come to the New Market Community Park to make crafts, listen to music and hunt for candy canes and other fun items!

Registration is REQUIRED and SPOTS ARE LIMITED.

This year we will have four rounds to sign up for.

Participants may only hunt one round.

**Date:** December 13th, 2025

**Time:** 5:30 pm-8:30 pm

**Ages:** 1-14

**Cost:** FREE

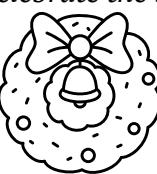
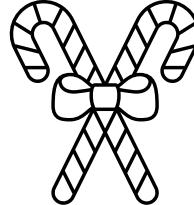
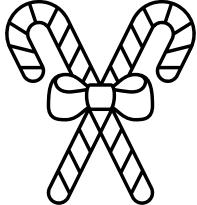
**Hunt Times**

- Round 1 at 6:00 pm
- Round 2 at 6:30 pm
- Round 3 at 7:00 pm
- Round 4 at 7:30 pm

(limited availability per each round)

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!**

Check out our Facebook event or our website for more details and to register.



## NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

We hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving! As Christmas approaches, please remember these important safety tips:

- Water your live tree every day to prevent it from drying out.
- Please make sure not to overload your electrical outlets with too many cords. An overload can cause a short or a spark, possibly leading to a fire.

Our crews ran a total of 133 calls for the month of October.

Of those calls, 93 were for EMS services, 40 were for fire services, with a total of 47 within town limits.

### Upcoming events:

• Santa will be coming to town this month on the fire truck! Follow our Facebook page for the date, time and streets he will be visiting.

• Dec 20<sup>th</sup>: Bingo! Doors open at 4:30 pm and games start at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy the evening with us as we will be preparing a special dinner for this night.

We hope that everyone has a blessed, safe and Merry Christmas!

## TIS THE SEASON 2025

The Town of New Market is excited to present our annual Tis the Season Celebration on December 6th, 2025

What to expect during the day:

\* Open Houses with participating downtown businesses

\* Shop Local Passport Game- ONE day only

\* Festive music while strolling downtown

\* Visit with Santa at the New Market Library (After the parade)

\* Tis the Season parade on Congress Street- beginning at 5:00 pm

We hope you will mark your calendars to come to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with us in New Market!

## **TIS THE SEASON LOCAL PASSPORT GAME**

Travel around town on December 6th and find wonderful treasures in our shops! ONE DAY ONLY this year- your goal is to shop local for presents and collect stamps for your Shop Local Passport card and WIN A FREE ORNAMENT (while supplies last).

The game is simple.

1. Get a passport game card (free).
2. Visit and shop at the participating stores listed on the card.
3. Present passport card to collect stamps
4. Collect the allotted number of stamps to win a free ornament.
5. Turn the completed passport card in to receive your free ornament.

Passports will be available to print off/pickup when we get closer to the event.



### **TIS THE SEASON PARADE**

Is your business or organization interested in joining our 2025 Tis the Season parade on December 6th?

Reach out to Jim Douglas at 540-630-1503 or Savannah Smith at [s.frazier@newmarketvirginia.com](mailto:s.frazier@newmarketvirginia.com) for more information and registration details. You can also check out our Facebook page for more information.

## **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 in the back of the Church along John Sevier Rd. The pantry is open to all on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm.



**The next food pantry pick up is Thursday, December 18, 2025.**

### **MEET AND GREET SANTA**

Santa will be visiting with the good little kids of New Market at the New Market Library. Santa's elves will be handing out goody bags, and you will have the opportunity to take photos with Santa.

**When:** December 6th, 2025

**Time:** Directly after the parade

**Where:** New Market Area Library

**Cost:** FREE



### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

**Where:** Reformation Lutheran Church  
9283 Congress St.

**What:** Home Cooked Lunch and Fellowship

**When:** 11:00 am (First Thursday of every Month)  
Everyone is welcome! Please come!  
Freewill offering/donations accepted.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **December 2025**

**5 2nd Half Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due**

**6 Tis the Season Celebration**

**13 Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt at New Market Park**

**15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**

**15 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm**

**24-26 Town Office Closed in Observance of Christmas**



### **January 2026**

**1 Town Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day**

**12-16 Heavy Trash Pickup**

**15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**

**19 Town Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**20 Town Council Meeting (Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm**

**2026 HAPPY New Year 2026**