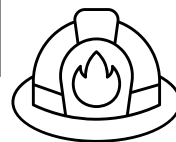




# OUR TOWN



## ***LIBRARY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2026***

The Winter Reading Program for children kicked off January 26<sup>th</sup> and continues through February. Pick up a reading log, read, return completed logs and choose a free book. The program is open to children ages 0-12. A Dr. Seuss celebration to end Winter Reading and to celebrate Read Across America Day will be held Monday, March 2, from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm.

•**Books and Babies:** Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. "Happy Hearts" will be the theme with books, songs, rhythm, movement and play for children ages 0-3 and their caregivers.

•**Preschool Story Time:** Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. "Hearts of Love" for children ages 3-5, books, rhymes and songs all about love for family and friends.

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

Did you know that you can turn your outside watering only meter off for the winter? Just call the office at (540) 740-3432 to let us know you want it turned off. When you decide to turn it back on, call the office and we'll get it turned back on for you. There is a \$15 reconnect fee that will be added to your first bill.

## ***LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY BAD WEATHER POLICY***

If Shenandoah County schools are closed, the food pantry will also be closed and will reopen the next day (Friday) for regular hours. If schools are closed on Friday, the pantry will be open the next day schools are open. If in doubt, call the church at (540) 740-8959 to make sure the food pantry is open. Thank you!

## ***NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS***

We hope that everyone is staying warm with the cold weather that we have been experiencing lately. Please remember to limit time outside, if possible, due to the potential of hypothermia.

If you are using space heaters, please be careful. Do NOT plug the heater into a surge protector or extension cord. Plug the heater directly into the wall as per the instructions.

With the chance of inclement weather approaching in the coming months, please remember to keep your nearest fire hydrant clear. This will help our firefighters to be able to hook up to the hydrant when they arrive. Also, when we are experiencing bad weather, please be mindful of the road conditions and your surroundings. If you do not need to go out, please don't.

For the month of December, our crews ran a total of 140 calls. Of those calls, 110 were for EMS and 30 for fire services with 56 being within town limits.

### ***Upcoming events:***

•**February 21<sup>st</sup>: Bingo!** Doors open at 4:30 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

•**Spring Fling:** We will be holding our Spring Fling this year on April 25<sup>th</sup>, not in March. Check our Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.

For more information about upcoming events, follow us on Facebook at New Market Fire and Rescue.

## ***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.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.  
**The next food pantry pick up is Thursday,  
February 19, 2026**

## 2026 EVENT LINEUP

**Community Easter Egg Hunt**- Saturday, March 28th

**Jammin' Foods Fest**- Saturday, May 16th

**Independence Day Celebration**-Friday, July 3rd

**Block Party on Congress Street**- Thursday, July 23rd

**National Night Out**- Tuesday, August 4th

**Puppy Pool Party**- Sunday, September 13th

**Fall Festival**- Saturday, September 26th

**Trick or Treat on Congress Street**- Saturday, October 31st

**Tis the Season/Parade**- Saturday, December 5th

**Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt**- Saturday, December 12th

**Cross Roads Music Festival- Fridays**

June 12th

August 14th

September 18th

October 9th

**Movie Night in the Park Saturdays**

May 23rd

June 27th

August 22nd

September 5th

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### 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.

## WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES

The onset of the Holidays often brings cold weather and snow right along with it. Whether the storm totals 1" or 12"+, winter weather presents challenges for all of us. Here are a few tips in advance of this winter season:

**Be prepared:** Predicting weather seems to be a challenge even with advances in 21st century meteorology. With few exceptions winter storms are rarely a total surprise. Winter weather advisories are usually posted days in advance of the storm. Use that time to restock your medications, food and other essentials.

**Be careful:** It may seem like an overused piece of advice, but when you travel unnecessarily on snow covered roads you put yourself and your vehicle at risk and make clearing roads that much more challenging. For those of you who do have to travel, plan ahead and leave yourself extra time to get to your destination.

**Be patient:** Removing snow from streets takes time. Storm duration, temperature and sunlight all affect how quickly streets are cleared. Often, it's not until the sun returns and daytime temperatures exceed 32 degrees that frozen snow and ice on streets can completely be removed.

**Be helpful:** After the snow has stopped, please help keep your neighbors and friends safe by clearing the sidewalk(s) that fronts your property. It's not only the right thing to do; it's also required by town ordinance.

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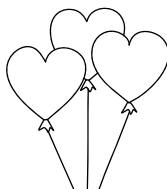
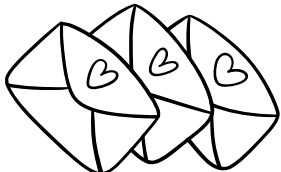
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February 2026

15 Water/Sewer Bills Due

16 Town Office Closed in Observance of  
**Presidents Day**

18 Town Council Meeting (Wednesday instead of  
Monday) 6:30 pm



### March 2026

1 Business License Due

15 Water/Sewer Bills Due

16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm

