

MAYOR'S CORNER

I waited until the very last moment to write this article hoping that I would have good news to share with you. Well, the vote last night by our Council has provided the favorable decision to accept the New Market Community Center (NMCC) Board's offer to assume ownership of the facility. What a great acquisition for our children and the future growth of our population! Having a building that offers a gymnasium and a cafeteria will immediately enhance activities for the young and old.

I first want to thank the NMCC for their gracious offer to our town. For almost 30 years, past and present board members have placed their efforts in preserving the building. Multiple organizations have been able to rent space throughout the years to provide activities to our citizens. Craft festivals, birthday parties and school alumni functions along with dance classes, recitals, exercise instruction and Sunday worship have provided life to the old school. All of this required literally thousands of hours for custodial, maintenance/repairs, fundraising as well as set up and clean up by the board members over the 3 decades of their guidance.

THANK YOU to each one of you for your love and devotion for the Center!

Now, what do we do with the building and grounds? The best way we can honor the NMCC Board is to expand upon their dreams. Goals of a vibrant center where all of us can come together to learn, celebrate, exercise and relax with our youth as well as our seniors. In order to maximize the center's usage we need to establish those goals. This is where you, the citizen, can provide us with your input. We need to know what your vision is for the Center. Please remember that along with your thoughts we also need your skills to be able to afford what we dream. Yes, the property was GIVEN to us with no debt but the upgrades will be a large expense. For this reason, we will need grant writers, donors, volunteer staffing and so forth.

I must say that I am excited to receive this gift from the NMCC board on behalf of New Market. However, I have to convert my excitement into action. I ask that each of you join me, your council and town employees with making this center the gem of our town. Remember, success is achieved when the excuses stop.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

The beginning of the year is a great time to make sure your information is up to date. Often times our staff will attempt to contact our customers via phone when an issue is suspected at a property. It is always best to have a phone number where you can be reached during the day in case an emergency situation arises. Without a phone number on file often times we have to shut off water service to a property until an issue can be resolved and town staff is unable to make the resident aware. This can cause issues when a resident arrives home and no longer has access to water service. Phone numbers will never be shared outside of the town office. If you would like to update your phone number you can call our office at 540-740-3432, or write it on the remittance stub included with your payment.

SHELTER RENTAL 2022

Shelter #1 (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	\$30.00
Shelter #1 (4:00 p.m. – closing)	\$30.00
Shelters #2-4 (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	\$25.00
Shelters #2-4 (4:00 p.m. – closing)	\$25.00
Shelters #5-6 (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	\$20.00
Shelters #5-6 (4:00 p.m. - closing)	\$20.00
Gazebo (All Day)	\$25.00



LIBRARY NEWS

Books and Babies will be Friday, February 4th at 10 am with the theme, "Love and PJs!"

Preschool story time, "Love in Our Hearts" will be Friday, February 18th at 10 am. If Shenandoah County Schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, the library programs will be cancelled.

The New Market Area Library will host a Winter Reading incentive program, "Read Together This Winter" from February 7 to March 7, 2022. The kickoff event for Winter Reading will be a PJ party for parents and children ages 0-6 on Monday, February 7, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm (snow date Wednesday, February 9, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm). Bring a blanket, dress in PJs, wear a mask, and sit as a family in the library to read together! A bedtime snack will be given out to take home. Sign up for Winter Reading will be held at the PJ party, or can be done at the library after February 7.

A "Pop In" Party celebration will be held on Monday, March 7, from 4 to 6 pm (snow date Wednesday, March 9,

4 to 6 pm.) Children can turn in their reading logs for a free book on Monday, March 7, and will receive popcorn, crafts and more to take home.

Regular library hours are:

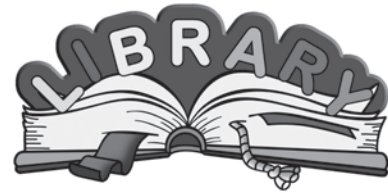
Mondays 10am-1pm

Tuesdays 12pm-5pm

Wednesdays 1pm-6pm

Thursdays 9am-12pm and 6pm-8pm

Fridays 12pm-5pm



**Talk
New Market
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PODCAST**

Talk New Market Virginia

Is a Pod Cast hosted by the staff of the Town of New Market. Amber Smoot, Events & Marketing Director, and Chief Chris Rinker are the Hosts. The goal is to have monthly episodes. Guests have included the Mayor, Town Manager, business owners from The Buttercup, The Home Store, Southern Kitchen, Josh Stephens the Shenandoah County District 1 Board of Supervisor and most recently Dr. Spenser Briggs of Briggs Family Dentistry.

The Pod-Cast is another avenue to provide information to residents, business owners and visitors. Amber and Chief Rinker share information on upcoming events, Town projects, and crime and safety tips.

All 2021 episodes are on the Town's YouTube Channel. Please visit the Town's YouTube Channel at "Town of New Market Virginia". We ask that you subscribe to our channel. Town Council Meetings and Work Sessions are streamed live through our YouTube Channel.

RESPONSIBILITIES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember to do your part to keep the sidewalks open and clear for those wishing to use them this winter season. In 2004 the Town Council passed an ordinance in which property owners are responsible for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks along their property. The Town thanks you for promptly clearing your sidewalk for the benefit of not only you, but for your neighbors and the entire community as well. Please contact the town office for details pertaining to the Town Ordinance.

If you are unable to clear snow on or along your property you will need to find someone to assist you. There are

many people who offer this service. It would be wise to seek out help before the winter weather arrives.

Please also maintain access to your water meter. Trimming foliage and clearing snow and ice from the lid of the meter pit can ensure proper access to your water meter. Maintaining access to your water meter will assist us with:

- Emergency shutoffs (for frozen pipes) when you are away from home or are unable to turn off the water inside your location.
- Emergency water meter maintenance.



Mt. Jackson/New Market Little League Spring 2022 Season Registration Baseball and Softball

Who: Girls and Boys ages 4-16

When: Now thru Feb 12th

Register online at www.mjnmlittleleague.com

Cost: \$60

(multiple child discounts)

For more details find us on Facebook or contact us at
540.333.0689 mjnmbaseball@gmail.com



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SHENGO TRANSIT

The ShenGo Transit is now available! The transit service runs from the Woodstock Walmart down to New Market on its Southern route. The transit will have four timed stops in town including New Market North Apartments, The Community Park, New Market Poultry, and Valley Heath. ShenGo will be running from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday with a fare of \$1 each direction with an option to transfer routes at the Woodstock Walmart Stop. Children 12 Years of age and under, when accompanied by an adult, ride free. For maps and transit schedule visit <https://vatransit.org/shengo/>.

2022 EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the following events in 2022. More information will be available for each event in future newsletters as well as on the Town's website and Social Media pages. Additional events will also be announced as details are finalized.

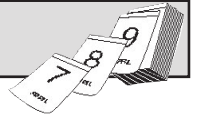
- **April 9, 2022 Easter Egg Hunt**
- **May 21, 2022 Jammin' Foods Fest**
- **May 28, 2022 Movie Night**
- **June 3, 2022 Cross Roads**
- **June 25, 2022 Movie Night**
- **July 8, 2022 Cross Roads**
- **July 23, 2022 Movie Night**
- **August 9, 2022 National Night Out**
- **August 12, 2022 Cross Roads**
- **August 27, 2022 Movie Night**
- **September 2, 2022 Cross Roads**
- **September 11, 2022 Puppy Pool Party**
- **September 17, 2022 Movie Night**
- **September 24, 2022 Fall Festival**
- **October 15, 2022 Fairway 5K**
- **December 3, 2022 'Tis the Season**
- **December 10, 2022 Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt**

**The Open Market is held in the Truist parking lot (formerly known as SunTrust) from 9A-2P on the 1st Saturday of each month from May-December.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS VACANCY

There are currently openings on the Town of New Market's Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board of Zoning Appeals is a five member board that is appointed by the Shenandoah County Circuit Court. The Board is tasked with hearing and deciding appeals from decisions made by the Zoning Administrator, and requests for the relaxing of the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. All appeals presented to the Board are on a case by case basis and every request for a variance needs to meet standards set forth in the Zoning Ordinance and Code of Virginia. The Board has no set meeting schedule, rather meeting as needed. Interested applicants may obtain a Volunteer application by visiting the Town's website, www.newmarketvirginia.com, and clicking the Government tab and selecting the Volunteer page. Applications may also be picked up at the Town Office. Completed applications should be returned to the Town Planner at the Town Office during regular business hours. For questions about this volunteer position, contact Ms. Meghan Rupkey, Town Planner, at 540-740-3432.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2022

- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
21 Town Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
22 Town Council Meeting (Tues instead of Mon) 6:30 pm



March 2022

- 1 Business License Due
15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
21 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm



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)

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(540) 740-3432 • www.newmarketvirginia.com
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