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MAYOR'S CORNER

A few years ago, I attended a lecture presented by Zig Zigler. He was a salesman and author of inspirational books based on positive thinking. He traveled our nation, and the world, to present his motivational messages. One of his best-selling books was *See You at the Top* in which he said that a negative thought was "stinkin thinkin". During the lecture that I attended, he made a statement that has stuck in my mind ever since that day. Zig refused to call the clock that wakes us in the morning an alarm clock. Instead, he referred to it as the OPPORTUNITY clock. His thinking was that every day we get up is another opportunity for us to find ways to improve our lives. Now that's a positive attitude!

What a great way to start a new year. We have an opportunity to improve ourselves spiritually, mentally, physically and financially. We need to get rid of our stinkin thinkin and replace it with positive thoughts and ideas. Not only is this true for our personal lives but also for our town's success. We the citizens of New Market have to establish a vision of success and what that means to us. Housing, education, employment,

shopping and recreation are the building blocks of a strong community. We need to look at each day as an opportunity to make our town better in all these ways and for all people!

When a citizen comes up with a sound idea to improve our lives, don't put him or her down with negative comments. Be better than that and encourage discussion on the viability of the idea's merits. With constructive discussion, the initial idea will evolve to become a success for improvement of New Market. Stinkin thinkin is the water poured on the flames of positive passion for improvement.

During this past Christmas season, Jane and I enjoyed main street's evening splendor of festive lights and decorations. She even compared the beauty with that of a Norman Rockwell painting. Let's work together to build such a utopia. Provide us, your elected officials and town employees, with positive ideas to improve New Market. As our "opportunity clock" sounds off for 2022 I look forward to your input AND assistance towards our success.

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 day time 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.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The Town will remove and dispose of your live discarded Christmas trees from January 3, 2022 – January 7, 2022. Please place your tree curbside for prompt removal.



LIBRARY NEWS

Programs for children:

Friday, January 7 at 10 am - Books and Babies is geared to ages birth to three. This month's program will be Winter Wonders!

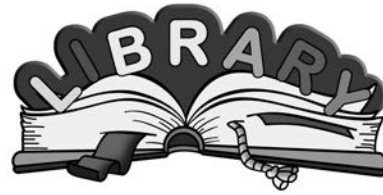
Friday, January 21 at 10 am - Preschool Story Time is for children ages three to five and will feature Snow and Sunshine! Each child will receive a take it/make it craft to bring home.

If Shenandoah County Schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, the library story times will be cancelled. CDC guidelines for masks and distancing will be followed. If you are a daycare provider or preschool facility and are interested in knowing more about our programs, contact Becky Kipps at 5kipps@shentel.net.

Library hours are: Mondays 10am-1pm, Tuesdays 12pm-5pm, Wednesdays 1pm-6pm, Thursdays 9am-

12pm and 6pm-8pm, Fridays 12pm-5pm. We will be closed Monday the 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

We want to remind patrons that books can be reserved and renewed online using your library card and pin number on the Shenandoah County Library website. The county courier system delivers reserved books to New Market from other branches each Tuesday and Friday. Library volunteers are happy to assist in this process.



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.

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.mjnlittleleague.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/>.

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.

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.



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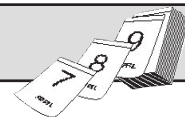
The goal is to have monthly episodes. Guests have included the Mayor, Town Manager, business owners from The Buttercup, The

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 our streamed live through our YouTube Channel.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2022

- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 17 Town Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 18 Town Council Meeting (Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm



February 2022

- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 21 Town Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
- 22 Town Council Meeting (Tuesday instead of Monday) 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)

Town of New Market

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

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