

MAYOR'S CORNER

I open my discussion today with thanks and appreciation for the members on our town council. Six individuals that take time from their schedules and place New Market's needs above their own. On Saturday, March 12th we will be gathering together for 6 hours to prioritize goals for our town. This will be a morning that council members receive no additional financial compensation. Since I have been on council, our town manager has been able to schedule not one but two of these work sessions each year. By the way, it is not just the council's personal time but also the town's department heads that attend to give us guidance and answers to our questions.

You may question why is this "planning session" necessary? Well, as I mentioned in my last newsletter, we have accepted ownership of the New Market Community Center. Since then, we also graciously accepted the gift from the American Legion of their property. There is also the new water tank and infrastructure improvement projects that need to be discussed. We just received word from VDOT that they are moving our 211-sidewalk project up from 2025 to 2023. Additionally there is the

remodeling of the pool house bathrooms, Little League ballfield improvements, Rebel Park restroom upgrades, possible community development on Clicks Lane, identifying and prioritizing capital improvement projects for 2023-27, exploring available grants for the remodeling of the community center etc, etc, etc.

The above-mentioned list is less than a third of what we will be trying to discuss during our work planning session. As I stated in previous letters, we are focused on expanding our community so that we can attract merchants and business opportunities to New Market. Much of what we are doing is laying the foundation for New Market's growth. It is not possible to inform you of all that is happening in my brief letter to you. For that reason, I encourage your questions and input. After all, I serve you and learn from your concerns. However, I do ask that your input is constructive for the improvement of our town.

Larry A. Bompiani
Mayor of New Market

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.



LIBRARY NEWS

A “Pop In” celebration will be held on Monday, March 7, from 4 to 6 pm (snow date Wednesday, March 9, 4 to 6 pm.) Children who have participated in Winter Reading can turn in their reading logs for a free book on Monday, March 7. All children are invited to “Pop In” for pop themed activities and snacks!

- Books and Babies will be Friday, March 4th at 10:00 am. Children will enjoy “Lions, Lambs, and Leprechauns!”
- Preschool Story Time is planned for Friday, March 18th at 10:00 am. The theme will be “Marching Into Spring.”

Each month the library adds the latest books by best selling authors. These are listed on the Shenandoah County website and are prominently displayed in the library. In addition to best-selling fiction, there are

always many new non-fiction, large print titles, books on CD and a great selection of DVDs. Selections for children and young adults are added to monthly as well. Drop by and see what we have to offer!

Hours

Regular library hours are:

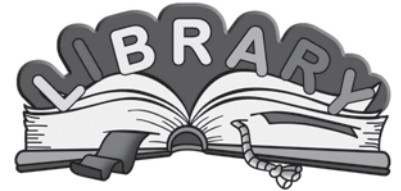
Mondays 10am-1pm

Tuesdays 12pm-5pm

Wednesdays 1pm-6pm

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

Fridays 12pm-5pm



POOL STAFF NEEDED



The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2022 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.

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 28, 2022. Applications should be turned in to the Town Office, Attn: Donna Lohr, Administrative Assistant, at 9418 John Sevier Road or mailed to P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS INCLUDING AIRBNB

The Town of New Market has passed Ordinance No. 107 which amends certain provisions of the Town Code relating to Short-Term Rentals. Operators of short-term rentals must obtain a zoning permit, an annual business license, and collect and remit to the Town a 5% transient occupancy tax. Please contact the Town Office at 540-740-3432 for more information.

SHELTER RENTAL 2022

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| 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 |

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town’s Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items from April 11th through April 15th, 2022. Please place all heavy trash curbside. Crews will not go onto private property to make collections. This service is provided to our residential customers only. Crews will pick up trash by item type during the week and will have all trash picked up by the end of the day on Friday, April 15th, 2022. Brush and limbs must be tied in bundles no longer than four feet in length. To ensure removal, all heavy trash should be placed curbside no later than Friday, April 15th, 2022 by 12:00 noon. Due to State laws governing the operation of the Shenandoah County Landfill, the Town is unable to remove old TVs, computers, tires, refrigerators, freezers, lead acid batteries, or hazardous materials such as pesticides, herbicides, paint, paint thinner, etc. For instruction on where to take the aforementioned items, you may call the Shenandoah County Landfill at 540-984-8573. Thank you for your cooperation.



WOW! Shenandoah County turns 250 years old this year!! And we are kicking off our year round celebration with none other than a BIRTHDAY BASH!

Join us at the Virginia Museum of the Civil War on March 26th from 6p-8p to party! With a lineup of guest speakers, games for kids, finger foods, meet some folks from our unique history, music and more...oh wait there will be CAKE!

Mark those calendars, because you don't want to miss this birthday party! How many 250th birthday parties have you been to?



Don't be left out of the loop! The Town of New Market offers different avenues of communication to its residents. Below is a list of services we currently offer:

- *Social Media-Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
- *Text Alert Services/Email Alert Services
- *Monthly E-newsletter
- *Monthly Podcast
- *Website

Check out our website, www.newmarketvirginia.com, for more information on how to sign up for these services.

SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris continues every Friday through November. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags and placed curbside by noon. Please visit our town website www.newmarketvirginia.com or call the town offices at 740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

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.

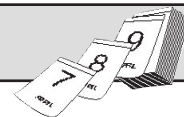
- **April 9, 2022 Easter Egg Hunt**
- **May 21, 2022 Jammin' Foods Fest**
- **May 28, 2022 Movie Night**
- **June 3, 2022 Cross Roads**
- **June 25, 2022 Movie Night**
- **July 8, 2022 Cross Roads**
- **July 23, 2022 Movie Night**
- **August 9, 2022 National Night Out**
- **August 12, 2022 Cross Roads**
- **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



March 2022

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



April 2022

1 Lawn and Leaf
8 Lawn and Leaf
9 Easter Egg Hunt
11-15 Heavy Trash Pickup
15 Lawn and Leaf
15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
18 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
22 Lawn and Leaf
29 Lawn and Leaf



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

Larry Bompiani, Mayor • Peggy Harkness, Vice Mayor
Scott Wymer • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah • Peter Hughes
Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

J. Todd Walters Town Manager
Chris Rinker..... Police Chief
Teresa Green..... Town Treasurer
Meghan RupkeyTown Planner

Donna Lohr.....Administrative Assistant
Lindsey Kipps Office Assistant
Amber Smoot..... Events & Marketing Director
J.D. Fadley.....Public Works Director

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