

## MAYOR'S CORNER

### Update on the Community Center from the February Town Council Meeting

The historic New Market School which is now our Community Center has been waiting for some planning, funding and action for several years. The Town Council decided at the February 18, 2025 meeting that it was time to take some steps to preserve this building by repairing needed roofing areas, and to begin looking at the project from very practical viewpoints:

1. How can we best allocate the currently available funds?
2. What should be done to renovate some parts of this building for use in the near future?

Our funds for the Community Center include those set aside from past surpluses and from the sale of the building donated by the American Legion when it dissolved several years ago. The total funds available now are between \$500,000-\$600,000. Grants will be sought to add to this account.

There have been many meetings with steering committees, contractors, consultants, and community groups about the use of these spaces. However, there are current leaks in the roof of the gym and deteriorating conditions in the roof over the main building. So, the Town Council decided to use a portion of the funds to repair these areas. This will preserve valuable spaces in

this building. The Council also decided to begin to use remaining funds to repair some areas of the first floor so that these may be used in the near future. There has been strong interest in the gym, kitchen and cafeteria as well as some classroom space.

Future plans for renovating the second floor may include the use of public/private partnerships and/or other funding vehicles for additional improvements. With the help of community partners, and grant writers, the Town will explore available grants to determine how these could help move us forward.

The Town Council also expressed an interest in considering fundraising to gain additional support. If you are interested in future donations or pledges toward the transition of the retired New Market School into a more complete Community Center, stay tuned for future announcements.

**Snow Reminder:** March is the month when New Market has experienced major snowstorms. I am not hoping or predicting this will happen, but based on the past, we need to be prepared that winter may not be over yet. In the event of another storm property owners and residents are reminded to please make sure that the sidewalks on their property are cleared after the storm.

Peter Hughes  
Mayor

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can request a 2<sup>nd</sup> or even 3<sup>rd</sup> trash bin from the Town? If you have trash each week that doesn't fit in your bin, stop by the town office to request another trash can. There is a short form to fill out and sign. Each additional bin is \$3 per month added to your bill. Have more questions? Call the office at 540-740-3432.

Have a question you'd like answered? Send an email to [d.prunka@newmarketvirginia.com](mailto:d.prunka@newmarketvirginia.com) and I'll find an answer for you.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

We will celebrate the finale of Winter Reading, Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm. There will be fun activities for children, a snack and a free book for each participant who turns in a reading log. In case of snow, the event will be moved to Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Books and Babies will be on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. This program is for children ages 0-3 with their caregivers. We will share books, songs, rhythm and rhyme about the Colors of the Rainbow!

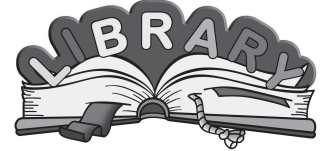
Preschool Story time will be Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. Books, songs and activities geared for ages 3-5 will be on the theme, "Marching Into Spring."

\*If Shenandoah County schools are closed, library programs are canceled. If delayed, the programs will be held.

Our adult program for March will be held on Sunday, March 9 at 2:00 pm.

The speaker will be Ruth Hoffman, and her topic is "My Nanny's Quilt".

"My Nanny's Quilt" is a presentation of a 100 year-old friendship quilt that bears the names of 225 individuals, the majority of whom were born and raised in the Shenandoah Valley. Surnames such as Dellinger, Himelright, Copp, Zirkle, Racey, Snarr, Windle, George, and Orndorff are prominent and Nanny's great-granddaughter, Ruth Ann Hughes Hoffman, will share her research, her discoveries, and stories of her ancestors and, perhaps, some of your ancestors as well.



## POOL STAFF NEEDED



The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2025 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. Starting pay for lifeguards is \$13.50/hr.

Applications for employment are available on the Town's website [www.newmarketvirginia.com/contact/employment](http://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 24, 2025. Applications can be turned in to the Town Office, Attn: Amber Smoot, Administrative Assistant, at 9418 John Sevier Road or mailed to P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844.

## NEW MARKET COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Come to the New Market Community Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! There will be lots of eggs filled with goodies to find, fun crafts, and you'll get to meet the Easter Bunny!

The hunt will start at 9:30 a.m., so you will want to arrive early to get into starting positions. Please make sure to bring your own basket for collecting eggs. This event is for ages 1-12.

**Date:** April 12th, 2025

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** New Market Community Park

**Cost:** FREE

(Crafts while supplies last)

Sponsored by the Town of New Market, MVHS Interact Club, and New Market Rotary

## OUR TOWN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Are you interested in helping with town events like Cross Roads Music Fest? Or are you more interested in public art projects? Do you have graphic design talent or interest in cultivating partnerships?

Then we are looking for YOU! The Our Town Enhancement committee focuses on improving the quality of life in New Market by creating a unique and thriving downtown environment, preserving our town's history, strengthening our position as a recreation and tourism destination, and establishing a sense of place by developing community pride and involvement.

If interested in learning more or signing up, contact Savannah Frazier at 540-740-3432 or [s.frazier@newmarketvirginia.com](mailto:s.frazier@newmarketvirginia.com)

## NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

We hope that everyone has been staying warm during these past few weeks. Spring will be here before you know it.

For the month of January, our crews ran a total of 143 calls. Of those calls, 95 were for EMS services and 48 were for Fire Services, with 57 of those calls within the town limits.

### Upcoming events:

March 12th: Blood drive

The Blood drive will be from 11:00am until 4:00 pm. Remember the life you save could be yours.

March 22nd: Spring Fling

Our Annual Spring Fling is March 22nd. Doors open at 9:00 am. Drawing starts at 10:00am. Over

\$100,000.00 in prizes are to be given away that day. Tickets are \$25 each. You do not need to be present to win. We notify everyone by phone who wins that day. Prizes include guns, money, a gift card to The Home Store, a John Deere Gator, mowers, and 2 vehicles. Check out the complete list on Facebook under our page.

We will be serving food from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. During the Fling, we will be selling pull tabs for money, guns and other prizes.

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

New Market:

Rt 11 Equipment Sales New Market Exxon  
The Home Store

Timberville:

Second Wind

Woodstock:

Hepner Tire

Harrisonburg:

Doves Camper sales

Steven Nissan

Luray:

Lancaster Enterprises

Stanley:

Sir Excellence

Online: see Facebook for our square account information

Please note: We will post dates and times on Facebook when we will have a member at the station to sell tickets. Our career staff cannot sell our tickets.

For more information about our upcoming events, find us on Facebook at New Market Fire and Rescue then like and follow our page.

Thank you for your continued support for our department!

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## 2025 SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris begins April 4th and continues every Friday through November. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags and placed curbside by noon. Please visit our town website [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com) or call the town office at 540-740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

## JAMMIN' FOODS FEST

Mark those calendars!! New Market's annual food truck fest is BACK!

Held in the New Market Community Park, there will be a selection of food trucks, live music, vendors, and fun things for the kids to do. Admission is FREE.

More details to come as the event moves closer.

**Date:** May 17th, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Location:** New Market Community Park

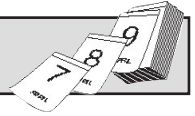


## LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY



Loaves and Fishes food pantry is located in the basement of Manor Memorial Methodist Church (9320 North Congress Street). The basement entrance is located in the back of the Church along John Sevier Road. The pantry is open to all on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Next food pantry is Thursday, March 20, 2025.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



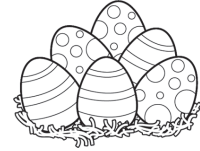
## March 2025

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



## April 2025

- 4 Lawn and Leaf Pickup**
- 11 Lawn and Leaf Pickup**
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Lawn and Leaf Pickup**
- 21 Town Council Meeting** 6:30 pm
- 25 Lawn and Leaf Pickup**



## 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](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com)

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### TOWN COUNCIL

Peter Hughes, Mayor • Peggy Harkness, Vice Mayor

Scott Wymer • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah • Larry Bompiani

Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

### ADMINISTRATION

Nathan Garrison..... *Town Manager*  
Summer Barden ..... *Assistant Town Manager*  
Chris Rinker..... *Police Chief*  
Teresa Green..... *Town Treasurer*  
J.D. Fadley ..... *Public Works Director*

Savannah Frazier..... *Events & Marketing Director*  
Amber Smoot ..... *Executive Assistant*  
Lindsey Kipps..... *Office Assistant*  
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