

MAYOR'S CORNER

I have often mentioned in my past articles that in order to grow our town we need many “ingredients” to attract and then sustain the addition of new families. Obviously, we need new residential developments for future homeowners to locate. In order to increase the number of households we need to expand our water and sewer infrastructure. As we add new families, we then also need to increase our facilities for recreational and social programs. With our future growth, we will then attract additional businesses to provide products and services for the needs of our citizens.

With cautious optimism, I will say that New Market is working towards achieving these goals. We have attracted the interest in developing land in, and around, our town for residential growth. We are preparing to build a much needed water storage tank to expand supply for our growth. With the acceptance of ownership of the Community Center, we will be expanding our social and recreational programs. We have applied for Grants as well as “earmarked” some of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds towards remodeling the center.

All of what I mention above is stating the

obvious for the growth of any town. However, what is overlooked should be the first on the list of a town wanting to grow. Our first responders! Police, fire, rescue personnel and equipment! These professionally trained men and women are always on call to respond for our emergencies. As a member of the town council, I receive Chief Rinker's monthly report of the various calls they respond to at all hours of the day. Assault, fraud, disturbance, suspicious person/vehicle, larceny as well as Emergency Custody Order (ECO) and Temporary Custody Order (TDO). This is just a fraction of the police calls so I can only imagine the demands for fire and rescue.

Therefore, to grow our town we need not overlook the obvious. We need to provide the funds for our police, fire and rescue departments for their equipment, personnel and training. Your voice of thanks to our dedicated and professionally trained first responders is always appreciated.

Larry A. Bompiani
Mayor

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Town Office will be closed the following business days this holiday season:

Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Friday, November 11, 2022
Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at noon
Thursday, November 24, 2022
Friday, November 25, 2022
Friday, December 23, 2022
Monday, December 26, 2022

YOU ARE INVITED!

WHERE: Reformation Lutheran Church

9283 Congress St.

What: Home Cooked Lunch and Fellowship

When: 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Please come!

Freewill offering/donations accepted

LIBRARY NEWS

The New Market Area Library kicked off its restart of adult programs on Sunday, October 9, at 2:00 pm, with a talk by local Shenandoah County author Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell, who recently published a book Heartspoken: How to Write Notes that Connect, Comfort, Encourage, and Inspire, which was released in July 2022. Adult programs at the library began in 2012 with volunteer Bev Butterfield as the adult program chairperson. The library is staffed completely by volunteers. When the pandemic struck in 2020, several virtual programs were held, but patrons were excited to get back to in-person events.

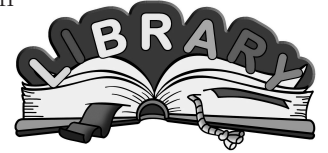
Butterfield says "The author sets the handwritten note free from old-fashioned irrelevance to become a super-power tool for connecting with others. In her book, she will show you how to make your note-writing become alive, meaningful, and impactful in ways you never thought possible."

Ms. Cottrell has had a varied career including leprosy researcher, stay at home mom, community activist, school

board member, board member, ham radio operator, blogger, and now a published author.

The next adult program at the New Market Area Library will be held on Sunday, November 13, at 2 pm and will feature local authors Lisa Currie and Susie Wilburn, who are publishing a series of children's books related to Seven Bends State Park in Woodstock. The book pages are displayed in kiosks in the park so that children and parents visiting can learn more about what they see in

the park. There is a book for each season, and the kiosks, to which braille was recently added, now feature fall. The programs are free and no pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Bev Butterfield at libraryprogramsnm@gmail.com.



Journey to Bethlehem 2022

Experience a 50-minute guided walking tour of 1st-century Bethlehem.

Visit the busy marketplace, see Baby Jesus, and much more!

Journeys leave every 10 minutes from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

December 1 through 5.

Tickets will be available online November 13th at 8:00 AM.

<https://www.j2bnewmarket.com/tickets/reserve.php>

Call 540-324-3267 for more information.

Ticket reservations are strongly recommended!

Limited walk-ins will be accommodated.



Located at the New Market Seventh-day
Adventist Church, 62 W. Lee Highway
(on the campus of Shenandoah Valley Academy)

MARK THOSE CALENDARS!

Tis the Season Celebration-December 3rd activities all day

MAINTAIN ACCESS TO YOUR WATER METER

It is very important that customers maintain clear access to their water meters from the public right-of-way. Obstacles that may block the radio signals include building materials, foliage and metal objects located between the street and the meter pit.

All town water customers are responsible for the upkeep of the area between their meter pit and the street. Please assist us by trimming foliage and by clearing snow and ice from the lid of the meter pit. Landscaping or fencing should be kept at least 1-3 feet from the meter pit.

Maintain access to your water meter to assist us with:

- Meter Reading
- Emergency shutoffs (for frozen pipes) when you are away from home or are unable to turn off the water yourself; and
- Emergency water meter maintenance

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 540-740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

FLASHLIGHT CANDY CANE HUNT

Bundle up, grab a flashlight and come to the New Market Community Park to make crafts, listen to music and hunt for candy canes, and other fun items!

Registration is REQUIRED and LIMITED SPOTS

are available. This year we will have three rounds.

Participants may only hunt one round.

Date: December 10th, 2022

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Ages: 1-14 Cost: FREE

Hunt Times

Round 1 at 6:30

Round 2 at 7:00

Round 3 at 7:30

(limited availability per each round)

REGISTRATION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 1ST.

Check out our Facebook event or our website for more details and to register.

TRACING YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

Nicholas Picerno, Chairman of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, will speak on tracing your Civil War ancestors, at the New Market Historical Society program on **Thursday, November 17, 7:00 PM**, New Market Town Office Chambers, 9418 John Sevier Road, New Market. If you had an ancestor who served in the Civil War (particularly Confederate ancestor), have his name and regiment ready and Picerno will reveal his Civil War history. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments after the program. **FREE.** Info: www.newmarkethistoricalociety.org or 540-740-2740.

TIS THE SEASON 2022

We are excited to be planning our annual Tis the Season activities on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Shop with our local businesses and enjoy their open house specials as you travel on Congress Street. End the day with our annual parade, beginning at 5:00 pm. More information will be available on our Facebook page as well as in the December 2022 edition of Our Town.



CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

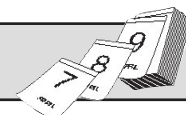
Saturday, December 3, 2022

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us at the Virginia Museum of the Civil War as we celebrate the holiday season at the museum, battlefield, and Bushong Farm! Explore the museum and make take home crafts, enjoy festive treats, and see a special Christmas film. Take a step back into 1859 and visit the Bushong family as they cook, sing, and tell stories in anticipation of a special Christmas visitor. Stop by the military camp and see how soldiers celebrated Christmas far from home in 1864.

Event tickets go on sale at 10:00 am on December 3rd and can be purchased at the Virginia Museum of the Civil War. Event prices are \$10 per adult (ages 13 and older) \$6 per youth (ages 6-12), Children 5 and under are free, \$5 for New Market residents (ages 6+) with proof of residency. Bring two non-perishable canned food items to benefit our local food pantry to receive \$1 off your ticket price.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 2022

- 4 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 8 **Town Office Closed for Election Day**
- 11 **Town Office Closed for Veterans Day**
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 21 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23 **Town Office Closes at Noon**
- 24-25 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving**
- 28 Lawn and Leaf Pickup (Monday)

December 2022

- 2 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 3 'Tis the Season
- 5 2nd Half Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due
- 9 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 19 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Christmas Eve**
- 26 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Christmas**

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 Rupkey *Town Planner*

Donna Lohr *Administrative Assistant*
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 Amber Smoot *Events & Marketing Director*
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