

## MAYOR'S CORNER

Through the past 4 1/2 years as your mayor, I have tried to keep you up to date as to what is happening in our town as it relates to infrastructure, personnel, and projects. One of the primary projects that relates to infrastructure is soon to go out for bid. These are the water tanks that we desperately need. As I have mentioned in past articles, our current tank was constructed in the 1960's and is far past its life's expectation. I am certain that previous town councils wanted to confront this issue but had to deal with the greater problem at the time. Their deliberation was whether to build a new sewer plant or pipe our waste to Timberville. They made the difficult but right decision to address the most pressing problem at the time. Well, the supply of water is our current council's pressing problem.

To construct a new 500,000 gallon water tank, then dismantle the old tank and rebuild an additional tank, which will provide us with 1,000,000 gallon capacity, will cost between \$4-6,000,000.00. In order to secure a low interest loan for that amount we have to be able to pay for it from our fees for water and sewer. By law, we cannot take the money from our real estate or meals taxes

to offset the deficit. The payment **MUST** come from our "Enterprise" Budget. This portion of our fiscal budget manages the cost for producing and supplying water as well as collecting and treating our waste. The lender must approve what our fees will need to be in order to receive funds for construction.

For various reasons, this water project was not addressed in the past and became another "can kicked down the road" for someone else to assume the responsibility. Well, that happens to be this council that makes the difficult decision that is long overdue. For all the hours of informational meetings and deliberations, I am proud of our council that made the necessary decision to finally address our water issue.

Larry A. Bompiani  
New Market Mayor

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## 'TIS THE SEASON 2024

The Town of New Market is excited to present our annual 'Tis the Season Celebration on December 7, 2024.

What to expect during the day:

- Open Houses with participating downtown businesses
- Shop Local Passport Game- ONE day only
- Festive music while strolling downtown

- Fun activities to participate in
- Yummy food
- Visit with Santa at the New Market Library (After the parade)
- 'Tis the Season parade on Congress Street- beginning at 5:00 pm

We hope you will mark your calendars to come to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with us in New Market!

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## 'TIS THE SEASON PARADE

Is your business or organization interested in joining our 2024 'Tis the Season parade? Reach out to Jim Douglas at 540-630-1503 or Savannah Frazier at [s.frazier@newmarketvirginia.com](mailto:s.frazier@newmarketvirginia.com) for more information and registration details. You can also check out our Facebook page for more information.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

Come in to check out a book to celebrate these designated days in November!

- National Non-Fiction Day - November 6
- National Young Readers Week - 3rd full week of November
- High-Five a Librarian Day - November 18
- Native American Heritage Month

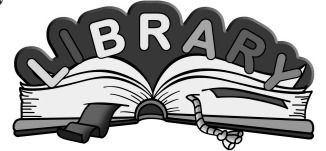
The library will be closed November 11 for Veterans' Day, and November 28th and November 29th for Thanksgiving. The hours for November 27th, the day before Thanksgiving, will be 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Mark your calendars for November Programs:

- Books and Babies-November 6th at 10:00 am. Books, stories, rhythm and songs, play time for children ages 0-3 with their caregivers. Our theme will be "We Say Thank You!"

- Preschool Story Time- November 22nd at 10:00 am. The November program will be "Thankful Things" and is for children 3-5.

- Adult Program-Sunday, November 17th at 2:00 pm.- "Writing What You Know" by Cara Achterberg. Cara Achterberg, of Maurertown, is the author of seven books including fiction, nonfiction, and a memoir. She co-founded "Who Will Let the Dogs Out", a national nonprofit to raise awareness and resources for shelter dogs and the people who fight for them. She will talk about how writing what you know helps you write authentically, and how following your heart will bring writing to life.



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## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING DRAWING

Exciting opportunity for our young creatives! As part of our 'Tis the Season festivities on December 7th, one lucky kiddo will have the chance to assist the mayor with the official tree lighting at the Town Office following the Parade! To enter the drawing, children 3-12 years of age must color one of our Christmas tree pictures and submit it with their name, age, and contact information. You can pick up & drop off the coloring sheet at any of the following locations: the Library, the Town Office, Simple Tymes, or The Home Store. The drawing opens on November 1st and closes on December 2nd, so don't miss the chance for your kiddo to enter the drawing!

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## ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Town of New Market is now accepting online payments for those customers who prefer the convenience of paying electronically with their debit/credit card. There will be a small service fee associated with making payments online. The Town will not profit from this fee.

Other payment options available to customers at no charge include in person via cash, check, money order or debit/credit card; by mail; or by depositing payment in the drop box located to the right of the entrance to the Town Office. In addition, water/sewer/trash customers can make payment through automatic monthly deductions from their bank account. Forms are available on our website or at the Town Office. We are no longer able to take your payment over the phone by calling the office. To pay via phone, call Paystar directly at 540-744-3614. There will be a service fee for doing so, which again, The Town will not profit from.

For more information regarding the online payment process, please check our website at [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com).

## YOU ARE INVITED!

**WHERE:** Reformation Lutheran Church  
9283 Congress St.

**What:** Home Cooked Lunch and Fellowship

**When:** 11:00 a.m. (First Thursday of every Month)

**Everyone is welcome! Please come!**

Freewill offering/donations accepted

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## 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 four rounds to sign up for. Participants may only hunt one round.

- Date: December 14th, 2024
- Time: 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
- Ages: 1-14 Cost: FREE

### Hunt Times

- Round 1 at 6:00
- Round 2 at 6:30
- Round 3 at 7:00
- Round 4 at 7:30

(limited availability for each round)

## REGISTRATION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 1ST.

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

## NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS NOVEMBER 2024

Fall is here. We hope everyone is getting ready for the winter months. We also would like for everyone to continue to pray for everyone affected by both Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton as their cleanup will continue for months to come.

For the month of September, our crews ran a total of 126 calls. Of those calls, 87 were for EMS services and 39 for Fire services with 74 of these calls within the town limits.

October was Fire Prevention month. If you would like to tour our station, please stop by and a member will show you around.

November 3rd ends Daylight Savings Time, which means it gets darker sooner. But it also means that you need to replace your battery in your smoke detector. If you need a smoke detector, please call our station at 540-740-8904 and we will bring you a free smoke detector.

### Upcoming events:

- Nov 13th: Blood Drive from 12:30 pm until 5:30 pm. Please stop by and donate. Remember the life you save could be your own.
- Nov 16th: Bingo! Doors open at 4:30 pm, games start at 6:30 pm. Food is available during Bingo.
- Dec 14th: Gun Cash Bash. Tickets are \$50. We will be giving 100 prizes away. With your ticket, you will be able to play pull tabs throughout the night and enjoy a meal. Tickets are on sale at New Market Fire & Rescue, if we have volunteers at the station, Second Wind in Timberville, and Hepner Tire in Woodstock.

We are always looking to add to our membership, whether running calls or helping with fundraisers. Stop by our station and see a member for more information.

Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours!



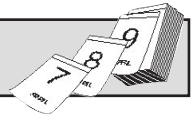
## LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY



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 pm-5:00 pm.

Next food pantry is Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## November 2024

- 1 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 5 Town Office Closed for Election Day
- 8 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 11 Town Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 15 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 18 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 Lawn and Leaf Pickup (final pickup for this year)
- 27 Town Office Closes at Noon
- 28-29 Town Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

## December 2024

- 5 2nd Half Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due
- 7 Tis the Season Celebration
- 14 Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt at New Market Park
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 24-26 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](http://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

Nathan Garrison ..... 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  
 De Prunka..... Office Assistant

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