

MAYOR'S CORNER

For those of you who have read my past articles, you know that I have been an advocate of growth for our town. Residential growth is important so that we can support our current businesses, and to attract new suppliers of goods and services. Without the “roof tops” we are losing what few stores we have providing for our needs. Did you know that New Market has actually decreased in population from the 2010 census through 2020? The economic growth that has benefited Harrisonburg, Broadway, Timberville, Woodstock and other surrounding towns has not been shared with New Market during the past decade.

In pursuit of amending our 2010 annexation agreement with Shenandoah County, we are putting together some interesting facts. One supervisor was outright against our growth because we would put a strain on our schools' enrollment. Well, the facts tell a different story. Follow me for just a moment: The average citizen's age for Strasburg is 36.5, Woodstock is 39.1, Edinburg is 34.3, and Mt. Jackson is 38.4. Take a guess what our town's average citizen's age is for 2020. It is54.6!!!!!! To further our point to this supervisor, we informed him that these same towns have more children under the age of 18 than we do. Strasburg 2507, Woodstock

1794, Edinburg 254, Mt. Jackson 696. New Market has only 317 children under 18 years of age. While we have more than Edinburg, this age group is only 14.7% of our population as compared to 21.6% of theirs. The bottom line is our aging population is essentially paying to educate the children of the growing Towns to our north.

Well, the good news is that on September 13th we were able to get a 5-1 favorable vote from our Board of Supervisors agreeing to BEGIN the process of renegotiating our annexation agreement from 2010. That original “comprehensive plan”, although award winning from the conservation view, was very restrictive to residential growth. Now we can start the process of public hearings, negotiations with the county, and final determination from the state as to whether or not we can improve our opportunities for growing New Market. This may take us a year to fulfill all the steps in this process yet still not receive authorization to amend the restrictions. However, please know that your council and town administration will do what it takes to benefit our quality of life here in New Market.

Larry A. Bompiani
Mayor

TRICK OR TREAT ON CONGRESS STREET

Come to downtown New Market and enjoy a fun evening of trick or treating with the local businesses.

Starting at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. the participating businesses will be handing out candy or hosting other fun activities.

There will be music in the streets provided by Sound Solutions and the New Market Police Department will be handing out glow bracelets to the trick-or-treaters.

MOVIE NIGHT

Enjoy a movie under the stars in the New Market Community Park!

Bring chairs/blankets/snacks for your viewing comfort.

Showing: **Disney Pixar's Luca**

Date: October 1st, 2022

Sundown: approx. 7:20 pm

Cost: **FREE**

Sponsored by: Amy Helsley, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones

Sheila Hall Realtor with Coldwell Banker Premier



SPIRITS OF NEW MARKET

Saturday, October 22, 2022

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Explore the Battlefield after hours and step back in time with our annual lantern tour program, “Spirits of New Market,” as we celebrate the indomitable spirit of those whose lives were impacted by the Battle of New Market. You'll follow your guide on a lantern-lit, tour of the Battlefield encountering living historians portraying the soldiers, townsfolk, and Bushong family. While interacting with the characters, you'll be able to lend aid to the wounded, ask questions and experience the Battlefield in a whole new way.

Tickets are \$10 per adult (ages 13 and older) and \$6 per youth (ages 6-12). Children 5 and under are free. New Market residents pay only \$5 for ages 6+ with proof of residency. Each walking tour lasts approximately 45 minutes and covers approximately ½ mile over grass and gravel.

Tickets go on sale at 6:00 pm on October 22nd. Tours begin at 6:30 pm and depart the Virginia Museum of the Civil War every 15 minutes. The last tour will depart the museum at 8:00 pm.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Market Area Library will resume adult programs beginning on Sunday, October 9th at 2:00 pm. Library lectures were offered continuously since 2012 until suspended during the pandemic. The featured guest speaker will be Elizabeth Cottrell, talking about her new book, "Heartspoken, How to Write Notes that Connect, Comfort, Encourage, and Inspire". 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 come alive, become meaningful and impactful in ways you never thought possible.

Elizabeth, a Shenandoah County author, has had a widely varied career including leprosy researcher, stay at home mom, community activist, leader on corporate and non-profit boards, ham radio operator, blogger and author. Books will be available to purchase and to have signed. The program is free to the public. No pre-registration is necessary.

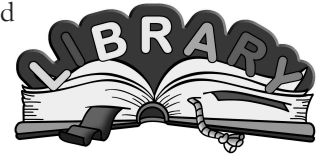
Children's Programs for October

Books and Babies, Friday October 7th at 10 am
"Pumpkin Fun" with Miss Becky. A lap time program with stories, songs, rhymes and sensory play for ages 0-3.

Preschool Story Time, Friday October 21st at 10 am "It's Fall Y'All!" with Miss Karen, for ages 3-5.

Trick or Treat at the Library, October 31st from 5 pm-7 pm. Each child will receive a free book!

Announcing expanded hours for Mondays! Beginning October 3rd we will be open from 10 am -5 pm each Monday. The rest of the week we are open: Tuesday 12 pm-5 pm, Wednesday 1 pm-6 pm, Thursday 9 am-12 pm and 6 pm-8 pm, Friday 12 pm-5 pm.



HEAVY TRASH PICKUP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items from October 11th through October 14th, 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, October 14th, 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, October 14th, 2022 by 7:00 am. Due to State laws governing the operation of the Shenandoah County Landfill, the Town is unable to remove old TVs, computers, tires, 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.

HOW DOES WATER HELP MOSQUITOES BREED?

Aedes aegypti, known as a "container-breeding mosquito", likes to lay eggs in and around standing water. Studies show that female mosquitoes prefer to lay eggs in water that collects or is stored in manmade containers.

Aedes aegypti mosquitoes lay eggs on the walls of water-filled containers. Eggs stick to containers like glue and remain attached until they are scrubbed off. The eggs can survive when they dry out—up to 8 months. When it rains or water covers the eggs, they hatch and become adults in about a week.

Reduce mosquitoes at home

Here are steps you can take to prevent mosquitoes from living and breeding around your home.

- Remove standing water

Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs inside and outside of your home. Items in and around people's homes can collect water. **Once a week**, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out containers that hold water, such as:

- Vases
- pet water bowls
- flowerpot saucers
- discarded tires
- buckets
- pool covers
- birdbaths
- trash cans, and
- rain barrels

These actions can help reduce the number of mosquitoes around areas where people live.

SHENGO TRANSIT

The ShenGo Transit began running on October 4th 2021. The transit service runs from the Woodstock Walmart and makes its way down to New Market on its Southern route. The transit has four timed stops in town, including New Market North Apartments, The Community Park, New Market Poultry, and Valley Heath. ShenGo runs 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/>.

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

FAIRWAY 5K WALK/RUN

Our 7th annual Fairway 5k Walk/Run is open for registration!

This event is to encourage healthy living and community involvement and to raise funds for the exercise equipment for the New Market Community Park. Everyone is encouraged to participate! Move at your own pace, this is a run or walk! Strollers are welcome but encouraged to start at the back of the pack. Dogs, unfortunately, are NOT allowed on the Golf Course.

Date: October 15th, 2022

Race Start Time: 8:00 am

Where: New Market Community Park

Cost: \$30

(Fee includes bib number & chip. Event tee shirts are first come first serve)

Sign up online or in the office. Check out our website or Facebook event page for more details and to register.

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 in one round.

Date: December 10th, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Ages: 1-14 Cost: FREE

Hunt Times

Round 1 at 6:30 pm

Round 2 at 7:00 pm

Round 3 at 7:30 pm

(limited availability per each round)

REGISTRATION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 1ST.

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



With so many new developments in our region, there is no better time to engage, educate and activate members of our community to become even more knowledgeable and influential ambassadors for the tourism industry and its impact on our overall economy.

Each "Faces of Tourism" session will include a familiarization tour of a local hospitality business, town, or attraction for a behind-the-scenes experience ending with lunch at a reasonable fee. Tours are open to business owners, employees, residents, and visitors of Shenandoah County.

Upcoming date:

Town of New Market

Wednesday, October 12th

10:00 am-12:30 pm

\$15 registration fee

More information and how to sign up go to

<https://visitshenandoahcounty.com/plan-you-trip/visitor-centers/shenandoah-county-tours/>

PEDESTRIANS CROSSWALK SAFETY



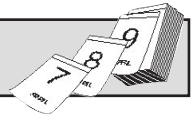
- Always yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.
- When approaching a crosswalk, reduce your speed and be prepared to stop.
- While waiting at a crosswalk, allow enough room between your vehicle and the crosswalk so other drivers can see the pedestrian(s) you have stopped for.
- Do not pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. They have stopped to allow pedestrian(s) to pass or are making sure the way is clear.

When crossing highways, pedestrians shall not carelessly or maliciously interfere with the orderly passage of vehicles. They shall cross, wherever possible, only at intersections or marked crosswalks. Where intersections contain no marked crosswalks, pedestrians shall not be guilty of negligence as a matter of law for crossing at any such intersection or between intersections when crossing by the most direct route.

Code of Virginia requires the driver of any vehicle on a highway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing such highway:

- At any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of any block;
- At any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block.
- At any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal maximum speed does not exceed 35 miles per hour.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 2022

- 3 Joint Public Hearing –
Planning Commission & Town Council 6:30 pm
- 7 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 10 Town Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
- 11-14 Heavy Trash Collection
- 14 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 15 Fairway 5k 8:00 am
- 17 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 28 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 31 Trick or Treat on Congress Street 5:00 pm -7:00 pm

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)

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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