

MAYOR'S CORNER

How do you like the new look for Congress Street? The fresh pavement and paint are a vast improvement from just a month ago. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the businesses and residents that had to avoid parking on Congress while this paving took place. I realize that in addition to the parking inconvenience there was also the noise through the night while many tried to sleep. I also want to thank VDOT for completing this project, as well as last year's paving on John Sevier Road from Old Cross Road to beyond the post office.

As I have mentioned in past articles, we the town do not have control of our streets and sidewalks. This has always been the responsibility of VDOT. Hopefully, this is about to change due to the recent decision by our council. This past month we have given our Town Manager the authorization to proceed in requesting that New Market becomes responsible for our secondary streets. If we receive permission from the legislature, then we will receive funds directly from the state each year to improve our streets and sidewalks. The estimated amount will be approximately \$270,000.00/year. That is not an avalanche of funds but at least we can start to prioritize the roads and sidewalks that need to be repaired or replaced.

The primary streets, which include Congress Street and Route 211 (both East and West), will remain VDOT's responsibility. Your council and town management have been investigating this move for over a year. Our Public Works Director, Chief of Police, previous Town Manager (TM) and I traveled to Richmond last year to discuss this with the Commissioner of VDOT and his subordinates. Nathan Garrison, our present TM, has continued the research and has been in contact with other towns that have made this same decision, and none have regretted it.

The process isn't complete since we must wait for approval from the legislature. We hope to have their authorization before the start of the next fiscal year which is 7/1/2025. When that time comes our public works department will be eager to improve neglected areas of our roadways which are long overdue. This is just another "foundational step" that we are initiating to improve New Market's future.

Larry A. Bompiani
Mayor of New Market

SHENANDOAH COUNTY TOURS – NEW MARKET

**Wednesday, October 30th , Town of New
Market Tour, 9403 S Congress St,
New Market**

More information at [visitshenandoahcounty.com/shenandoah-county-tours/](https://www.visitshenandoahcounty.com/shenandoah-county-tours/)

'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 for more information and registration details. You can also check out our Facebook page for more information.

TRICK OR TREAT ON CONGRESS STREET

Come to downtown New Market on October 31st and enjoy a fun evening of trick or treating with the local businesses. Starting at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat will be set up on the public parking lot next to the post office. 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mark your calendars for Fall programs at the New Market Area Library!

- October 2nd -Books and Babies 10:00 am. This is an active lap sit program featuring books, songs, rhymes and play for children ages birth to 3 with their parent or caregiver. We'll be having some Fall Fun during our October program.
- October 18th -Preschool Story Time 10:00 am. For children ages 3-5 will enjoy stories, songs and more!
- October 31st -Trick or Treat at the Library will be held in conjunction with the Town of New Market's Halloween event from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm, rain or shine. Each child visiting the library will receive a new book!
- October 20th 2:00 pm. Adult Program - Peg Harkness, Volunteer Director of the New Market Library will be our featured speaker. As the library celebrates 50 years of service to the community, Peg

will share the story of the evolution of the library to our current, beautiful building and array of services.

Peg earned a BA in Economics from Radford and an MBA from Averett. She spent eight years in banking before entering AT&T's program of industry specialization where she sold telecommunications services to banks and financial institutions. She then moved into marketing at Verizon, leading various organizations there. Peg spent twenty-two years in telecommunications. She and her husband, Richard, retired and moved to New Market twenty plus years ago where she's served as the library's director. Peg also serves on New Market's Town Council and as its Vice Mayor.



HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP 2024

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items **ONE LAST TIME THIS YEAR.** This month, they will be out picking up your heavy trash items from Tuesday, Oct. 15th through Friday, Oct. 18th. 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, Oct. 18th, 2024. 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 7:00 am on Friday, Oct. 18th, 2024.** 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.

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

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.

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

NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS OCTOBER 2024

Summer is coming to an end and Fall is starting to arrive. Is everyone ready for cooler weather?

For the month of August, our crews ran a total of 149 calls. Of those calls, 111 calls were for EMS services and 38 calls for Fire services, with 78 of those calls within the town limits.

Many citizens of the community have noticed that we have been having some renovations done. For the past 5 months, we have been renovating our building to better serve our community. We replaced the existing bunkrooms and remodeled them to accommodate more volunteers and career staff. We have replaced one engine bay to house our turn out gear. We have updated the President's and Chief's offices. Finally, we replaced the existing entrance to the social hall to make it bigger. If you would like to see all our renovations, please stop by and someone will show you around our station.

Hopefully this month, our newest ambulance, a 2023 Dodge, will be placed in service. We have been patiently waiting for the arrival of this unit. It has been on order for 2 years due to the shortage on ambulance chassis.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Fall Fling. It was a huge success!

Upcoming events:

- October 19th: Bingo. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Games start at 6:30 pm
- October 31st: Treat or Treat at our station
- November 16th: Bingo. Doors open at 4:30 pm Games start at 6:30 pm
- December 14th: We are working on our Winter fundraiser, the Gun Cash Bash. Tickets will be \$50. We will be giving away 100 prizes. We will have more information next month or check it out on Facebook.

We are always looking to add to our membership, whether volunteering to run calls or help with fundraisers. Stop by our station and see any member.

For more information on our events, find us on Facebook at New Market Fire and Rescue, then Like and Follow our page. Thank you for your continued support to our department!



CROSS ROADS MUSIC FEST 2024

We are excited about our final CRMF of the season! Held at the

Rebel Baseball Park and highlighting musical talent. Join us for a relaxing evening.

- **October 18th- Sons of Liberty**
- **Time: 6:30 pm-9:00 pm**
- **Cost: FREE** Bring chairs/blankets for comfort. Food and beverages are available for purchase, and there is a beer/wine garden for those over 21yrs old.

MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK 2024

Enjoy our final movie under the stars in the New Market Community Park for the season! Bring chairs/blankets/snacks for your viewing comfort.

Showing: **A Dog's Purpose**

Date: October 12th, 2024

Sundown: approx. 7:00 pm

Cost: **FREE**

Sponsored by: Sheila Hall, Realtor with Coldwell Banker Premier



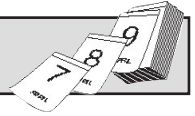
LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY



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, Oct. 17, 2024.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 2024

- 4 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 11 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12 **Movie Night in the Park at sundown (approx. 8:00 pm)**
- 14 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day**
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15-18 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 18 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 18 **Cross Roads Music Fest at Rebel Park-Sons of Liberty 6:30-9:00 pm**
- 21 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 25 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 31 **Trick or Treat on Congress Street 5:00 pm -7:00 pm**

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**

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

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*
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