# Our Town

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#### **MAYOR'S CORNER**

It was a little more than 2 years ago that I joined the Board for the New Market Community Center. The treasurer of the board at that time was Mr. Bruce Alger. Most of us knew Bruce for hias many years of dedication and love for the Rebel baseball organization and the Valley League Baseball. What was astounding to me as I got to know Bruce was that he served on 7 - 9 boards of various organizations at any one time. He was a man of vision and service to our community.

During one of our discussions, Bruce mentioned his frustration of having our recycling dumpsters located at the entrance of the community center and baseball field. He did not feel it was an attractive greeting to our visitors of the center or fans of the Rebels, Shockers or Generals. I agreed with Bruce then and even more since the town has assumed ownership of the community center this past February. We are committed to improving the physical appearance of the community center and expanding its programs as well as the usage by our citizens and those of southern Shenandoah County.

Upon speaking with our town manager about this situation, he informed me that the county has been

frustrated as well with improper waste being placed in the recycling bins. On one occasion there were used syringes (from farm animals) found in the containers. Additionally, without the site being fenced or gated for use at specific times, people have dropped off their waste as early as 5:00 AM and as late as midnight. We have searched for a new location within our town but all have their specific downfalls. During our discussions with the neighboring towns, we discovered that we are the only town in the county other than Woodstock that has dumpsters within its borders.

So, after a year of looking for a solution, a decision was made to remove the recycling dumpsters from New Market as of September 16, 2022. After that date, we will have to take our recyclable materials to the County site on Rt. 11 N adjacent to the VDOT maintenance location. This difficult decision rests upon my shoulders so please direct your concerns and questions to me as your mayor.

Larry A. Bompiani New Market Mayor

# COMMUNITY CARE & LEARNING CENTER

Spread the word! We will be set up during the New Market Fall Festival on Saturday September 24th from 11a.m. - 3p.m. at the Manor Memorial United Methodist Church. We will have a Baked Potato & Chili Bar which includes a baked potato, chili, other assorted toppings, dessert and a drink. Presale tickets are \$8, and tickets at the door will be \$10. Tickets for children 5 and under are \$4. All proceeds will help the center grow to serve more children and families.

For presale tickets and more information please call 540-740-2804. Can't wait to see you there!

# SHENANDOAH COUNTY'S 250TH FALL BASH CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate Shenandoah County's rich cultural heritage, past and present. Festival visitors will enjoy the early 1800s farmhouse, Loom House Museum, springhouse, historic exhibits and demonstrations, antique tractors, local preservation organizations, cultural exhibits, craft vendors, live music and MUCH MORE!

Where: Hottel-Keller Homestead Shenandoah Germanic Heritage Museum 11532 Back Rd., Toms Brook, Virginia

Date: September 10th, 2022 Time: 11:00 am-5:00 pm

Cost: FREE

#### YOU ARE INVITED!

WHERE: Reformation Lutheran Church • 9283 Congress St.
What: Home Cooked Lunch and Fellowship
When: 11:00 a.m. (first Thursday of the Month beginning September 1st)

Everyone is welcome! Please come! Freewill offering/donations accepted

#### LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to school and to programs for children at the library!

Friday, September 2nd is Books and Babies, a fun time for parents, caregivers and children ages 0-3. This month's theme will be "Getting to Know You!" Books and Babies programs feature short stories, songs and rhymes. Books and Babies begins at 10:00 am.

Friday, September 16 is Preschool Story Time, featuring books, songs, rhymes and activities for children ages 3-5.

This month's program will be "Welcome to the Library!" Preschool Story Time begins at 10:00 a.m.

If you love books, enjoy working with the public, are dependable, and have basic computer ability, stop in to ask about becoming a library volunteer!

# 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.

# NEW MARKET FARMER'S MARKET

Beginning Friday, July 1, 2022, the New Market Farmer's Market, located in the public parking lot behind Jalisco will change the hours of operation and will start opening each Friday at 9 am and closing at 1 pm. Lots of fresh produce is expected!

For weekly updates and weather related closings, check out the Farmer's Market Facebook page.

#### **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 a.m. 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.

# SUMMER'S END PUPPY **POOL PARTY**

This is the 9th annual Pup Pool Party hosted by the Town of New Market. A fun event for your canine friends to swim, play, and socialize.

Venue: New Market Community Pool

Fee: \$3.00 per dog OR food donation brought for the

Shenandoah County Animal Shelter Date: September 11th, 2022 Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is highly encouraged for easier check-in. Please go to our website newmarketvirginia.com OR our FB page for details on requirements, rules, and how to register.

#### MOVIE NIGHT

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

Bring chairs/blankets/snacks for your viewing comfort.

Showing: Spiderman: No Way Home

Date: September 17th, 2022

Sundown: approx. 7:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

\*\*Our July movie was rescheduled

for October 1st. We will show Disney Pixar's Luca starting at

approx. 7:20 p.m.\*\*

Sponsored by: Amy Helsley, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones / 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 1:00-5:00 p.m.

# 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.

# **NEW MARKET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S FALL FESTIVAL**

Come join us for the annual Fall Festival (formerly known as Heritage Days), hosted by the New Market Area Chamber of Commerce, in the historic downtown New Market.

A fun filled day of shopping, live entertainment, yummy food, and activities.

Vendors will line the streets with their wonderful goods, live entertainment by Spencer Hatcher, food trucks, and more. Don't forget the fantastic local shops will be open too! When: Saturday, September 24th, 2022

Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Downtown New Market

# **CROSS ROADS MUSIC FEST 2022**

We are excited about our September concerts! All concerts will be held at the Rebel Baseball Park and

highlight musical talent and offer a relaxing evening.

September 2nd- Everyday People September 23rd-Big City Band

All performances are from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and admission is 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.



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:

The Town of Woodstock

Thursday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

\$15 registration fee

More information and how to sign up go to

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

## MARK THOSE CALENDARS!

Trick or Treat on Congress Street-October 31st from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Tis the Season Celebration-December 3rd all day Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt-

December 10th from 6:00pm-8:00pm

# FAIRWAY 5K WALK/RUN

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

This event is to encourage healthy living, 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 a.m.

Where: New Market Community Park

Early Bird registration by September 30th: \$25.00 Late Registration after September 30th: \$30.00

(Fee includes bib number & chip. To be guaranteed a t-shirt,

register by September 24th)

\*Additional donations are accepted during the registration. Sign up online or in the office. Check out our website or Facebook event page for more details and to register.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 2 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 2 Crossroads Music Fest at Rebel Park-Everyday People 6:30-9:00 pm
- 5 Town Office closed in observance of Labor Day
- 5 Pool closes for the season
- 9 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 11 Puppy Pool Party at the Community Pool 1:00-4:00 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 16 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 17 Movie Night in the Park at sundown (approx. 7:30 pm)
- 19 Town Council Meeting

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30 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

October 2022

1 Movie Night in the Park at sundown (approx. 7:20 pm)

7 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

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

#### TOWN OF NEW MARKET CONTACT INFORMATION

6:30 pm

**Emergeny 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

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