

## MAYOR'S CORNER

I want to use this month's newsletter to bring our residents up to date on some of our bigger projects in New Market. Some of these goals were initiated before I was elected to council 4 years ago. Progress is ever so slow when it comes to government and all the steps you have to go through. Nonetheless, we ARE succeeding in the process and some will be evident very soon.

In fact, we will break ground this month for the construction of a new maintenance building adjacent to our town park. This building has been needed for over 10 years, not only because the present building is undersized for our equipment, but also due to the leaks and developing black mold. The new building will provide our employees an area to shelter valuable equipment from the weather as well as perform mechanical maintenance on the equipment. The present shop building will remain and be used for storage.

Our long awaited sidewalk construction project along Route 211 from Congress St. to Dollar General will begin next spring. Although we had finalized plans for this by 2020, Covid19 delayed approval from VDOT for 2 years. This project is to begin this coming spring of 2024. Your council appropriated money for this and VDOT is to match our expenditure. Due to

the delay with Covid, materials and labor has risen yet VDOT will consider additional money to offset the inflation.

The long awaited 500,000 gallon water tank construction looks like it will start in summer of 2024. Once complete we will have 1 million gallons of water available for our future needs. In part, this will provide for additional homes and businesses as New Market outlines its planned growth. The two 500,000 gallon tanks will provide redundancy in case we have to service one of the tanks.

Also, we have been working with VDOT to improve our roads and truck traffic issues. Last month our town manager, police chief, public works director and myself traveled to Richmond to meet with the Commissioner of VDOT and his engineers about us taking ownership of our streets and sidewalks. Just last week we also met with our District VDOT engineers concerning their studies of our local traffic issues. The next step in their study is to gain our citizens' input and then formulate their recommendations. STAY TUNED.

Larry A. Bompiani  
Mayor of New Market

### SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY FARM PRODUCE MARKET

Wednesdays 3-6pm

100 Bindery Rd, New Market, VA, United States,  
Virginia

Cash only

Bring your own bags if you can 😊

Seasonal produce is grown by students in the agriculture science class and student worker program.

July: Strawberry, Tomato, Cucumber, Tomatillo,  
Wheat, and flowers

### ACH AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT OF YOUR UTILITY BILL

We know how busy our customers are and how quickly the due date comes around for water/sewer bills. We want to remind citizens that we offer the option of paying their water bill through automatic deduction (ACH) from their bank account each month. This could save writing a check, paying postage, or even a trip to the Town Office. Forms for ACH can be picked up in the Town Office or downloaded from the Residents tab of the Town's website, [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com). Completed forms should be returned to the Town Office. Automatic deductions will be deducted from your bank account on the fifteenth of each month, unless it falls on a weekend or holiday; then it will be deducted on the next business day. The amount due on your bill is the amount that will be deducted from your account. If you have questions or want to know more about this service, please call the Town Office at 540-740-3432.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to all children, teens and adults who have attended summer programs and participated in Summer Reading incentive programs! Thanks to all of the local businesses that contributed to our reward program! Many have enjoyed rewards throughout the summer and there are still rewards to be distributed. All logs not returned by the end of July should be brought to the library during regular hours (check the New Market Area Library Facebook page or [countylib.org](http://countylib.org)) by Tuesday, August 15.

The New Market Library will take part in the National Night Out at the New Market Community Park, August 1st from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Come see us at the park!

August Adult program will be held on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Join author Maggie Marangione as she speaks about her book: *Across the Blue Ridge Mountains*. Her novel is set in the early twentieth century

in the small town of Elkton, VA during the social and political changes of industrialization, women's equality, the Eugenics movement, and the removal of mountain families for the Shenandoah National Park. It is a deeply researched historic novel that captures how the protagonist, Mary, has to live by the fateful decisions she makes and how resilience and perseverance guide her forward. Ultimately, her inner strength will help her to meet many challenges. Ms. Marangione is a former intelligence analyst and teacher of American and Appalachian Literature at Blue Ridge Community College and Laurel Ridge Community College.



### MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK 2023

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

**Date:** Saturday, August 26, 2023

**Movie Title:** The Goonies

**Time:** Sundown-approx. 7:50 p.m.

**Where:** New Market Community Park

9670 Cadet Rd, New Market

**Cost:** FREE



For the best evening, make sure to bring a chair/blankets and snacks for viewing comfort. Dogs are allowed, but MUST be on a leash, and owners are to be mindful of others.

Thank you to our sponsors Sheila Hall, Realtor with Coldwell Banker Premiere, and Southern Kitchen

### OUR TOWN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Are you interested in helping with Town events like Cross Roads Music Fest? Are you more interested in public art projects? Do you have graphic design talent, or interest in cultivating partnerships?

Then we are looking for YOU! The Our Town Enhancement committee focuses on improving the quality of life in New Market by creating a unique and thriving downtown environment, preserving our Town's history, strengthening our position as a recreation and tourism destination and establishing sense of place by developing community pride and involvement.

If you are interested in learning more, or signing up, contact Amber Smoot at 540-740-3432 or [a.smoot@newmarketvirginia.com](mailto:a.smoot@newmarketvirginia.com)



### 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.

Next food pantry is Thursday Aug 17, 2023.

## YARD SALES

As spring/summer approaches, we begin thinking about yard sales. The guidelines below are a good reminder on the rules and regulations in town regarding these sales.

### Guidelines

1. All individuals conducting a yard sale are required to obtain a yard sale permit from the Town Office prior to the sale.
2. In residential districts, a household is only allowed two yard sales annually. There is no fee associated with permits for these two sales and sales cannot exceed a 72-hour consecutive period.
3. In commercial districts, a household is allowed two yard sales annually with no fee associated with the permits for these two sales. If the householder wishes to hold additional sales an annual permit must be obtained at a fee as set from time to time by the Town Council. Each yard sale in a commercial district cannot exceed a 72-hour consecutive period every three months.
4. **Signs shall NOT be placed on telephone poles, power poles, street signs, public trees, sidewalks or any other publicly owned and/or maintained places or structures.** All signs shall be limited to private property and shall be removed within 24-hours after the conclusion of the sale.
5. During the weekend of the *Route 11 Yard Crawl*, the Town will not count participation in that event towards total allowable yard sales on an annual basis.
6. Civic organizations are exempt from the above regulations, except for #4.

### Questions?

You may contact the Town Office, Monday – Friday, during regular business hours with questions regarding this service.

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## 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](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com) or call the town offices at 540-740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

## HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items **TWO MORE TIMES THIS YEAR (see dates below)**. This month, they will be out picking up your heavy trash items from Monday, Aug 14th through Friday, Aug 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, Aug 18th, 2023. 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, Aug 18th, 2023. 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.

**This year's heavy trash pick-up schedule is:**

- **Aug 14-18**
- **Oct 16-20**

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 1, 2023 from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm

New Market Community Park

Join us for free hot dogs, chips, games, giveaways and more



## CROSS ROADS MUSIC FEST 2023

We are back with our 9th annual Cross Roads Music Fest! This fun, family friendly, community oriented music series has become a staple for summer entertainment.

**August 18th** - Who Shot John

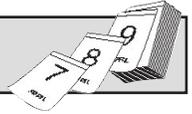
**September 15th** - Out of Spite

**October 6th** - Big City Band

All concerts are **FREE ADMISSION** and start at 6:30 p.m. at the New Market Rebel Baseball Field.

There will be food trucks on site, and a beer/wine garden. (Must be at least 21 years old to consume/purchase alcohol and **NO** outside alcohol is permitted). **Dogs are not permitted** in the baseball field.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## August 2023

- 1 **National Night Out at New Market Park** 6:00-8:00 pm
- 4 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 11 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12 **New Market Pool Open Weekends Only**
- 12 **Route 11 Yard Crawl**
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 **Crossroads Music Fest at Rebel Park-  
Who Shot John** 6:30-9:00 pm
- 18 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 21 **Town Council Meeting** 6:30 pm
- 25 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 26 **Movie Night in the Park at sundown (approx. 7:50 pm)**

## September 2023

- 1 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 4 **Town Office closed in observance of Labor Day**
- 4 **Pool closes for the season**
- 8 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 10 **Puppy Pool Party at the Community Pool** 1:00-4:00 pm
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Crossroads Music Fest at Rebel Park-  
Out of Spite** 6:30-9:00 pm
- 16 **Movie Night in the Park at sundown (approx. 7:30 pm)**
- 18 **Town Council Meeting** 6:30 pm
- 22 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 23 **New Market Fall Festival** 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- 29 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

## 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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### 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

Todd Walters.....*Interim Town Manager*  
 Chris Rinker..... *Police Chief*  
 Teresa Green..... *Town Treasurer*  
 J.D. Fadley.....*Public Works Director*

Lindsey Kipps ..... *Office Assistant*  
 Amber Smoot..... *Events & Marketing Director*

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