

MAYOR'S CORNER

The United States of America. The “UNITED” States of America. Our forefathers, who fought for the colonies’ independence from England, were willing to give up everything, even their lives, in order for us to govern ourselves. After the success of the revolution, they fully understood that our strength was in uniting the colonies rather than have each of the 13 be its own country. However, each colony still wanted to maintain their own rule and not relinquish ALL authority to the central government. Hence, the writers of our constitution came up with individual states UNITED through a federal government.

As a citizen of this country, do you feel that we are united? Not just on the national level, but what about our state? Schools? Church? Social or friends? When I read or watch the “News”, it is so divisive on every one of these subjects that it disheartens me. Even Facebook, which was intended to have people share wonderful stories and photos, has become a tool to hurt and alienate one from another. Where can a person go to find an “oasis” away from the negatives of this present, destructive path?

This is where I am supposed to inject “THE ANSWER” and act as if I have some magical solution. I don’t! I am as frustrated and confused as most of you are. However, I was raised by my parents to be optimistic and help raise other people up, not dehumanize them. I still believe that our country, while striving to improve itself over the centuries of its existence, is the best place to live. I am fortunate that my grandparents chose the United States to start and raise their family. They did not make a mistake!

We celebrate Independence Day and should do so by lifting one another up. It truly starts with each one of us. Do we go out and demonstrate and tear things down, or do we stop to help mend the destruction caused by negativity? Do we follow “stinkin thinkin” or promote positive ideals. Are you a divider or a Uniter? I think the answer still lies in the **UNITED STATES!**

Larry A. Bompiani
New Market Mayor

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Date: Wednesday, July 5th, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Location: New Market Community Park

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Come join us for our Independence Day Celebration! Food trucks, games, live entertainment by Little Walter and the Convictions, and FIREWORKS at 9:20 p.m.

Brought to you by the Town of New Market, New Market Independence Day Celebration Committee, and several sponsors.



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. 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

We'll be "All Together" having a great time at the New Market Library's Summer Reading Program! All programs are at the library unless otherwise noted.

- Tuesday, July 11, 10:00 am: **"Puppets Share Their Voice"** with the Bowman Library teen puppeteers.
- Wednesday, July 19, 10:00 am: **"The Magic of Brian Bence"** magic show.
- Wednesday, July 26, 10:00 am: **"Soil and Water Working Together to Grow Plants"** hands on stations with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners. Each child will receive a flower to plant!
- Tuesday, August 1, 6:00 pm: **National Night Out** at the New Market Community Park; the library will have a table and activities!

Attention teens and adults! Stop by the library to learn of our summer reading program for Young Adults and Adults!

The New Market Area Library kicked off its Summer Reading program in a big way on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, which was Flag Day, with a Salute to Hometown Heroes.

The program started inside with three guests, Police Chief Chris Rinker and Benelli, Cristi Coryell, owner of The Buttercup, and Susan Tusing, founder of the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Shenandoah County Chapter, reading books to the children. The action then moved to individual stations, where children could register for the summer reading incentive program to receive rewards for reading, visit with Chief Rinker and Benelli, get information on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program, color and sign a thank you poster, do a flag art project and receive free flags! The children then moved outside to see inside a sheriff's department vehicle as well as New Market Fire and Rescue fire truck and ambulance.

Registration for the summer reading incentive program continues, and can be done in the library any time it is open. Reading logs can be turned in for rewards from local businesses at any of the remaining programs.

Check out the New Market Area Library Facebook page or flyers at the library for programs in July!



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

ADJUSTMENT POLICY FOR FILLING SWIMMING POOLS

Swimming pool adjustments will be limited to one (1) adjustment per calendar year per customer. To qualify for this annual adjustment, the customer must submit an Application for Swimming Pool Credit prior to the filling of a swimming pool. In addition, the meter must be read by Town staff before and after the filling of the pool. Customers that are billed for water only or have a water-only meter will not qualify for a pool credit. Splasher pools also known as "kiddie" pools, hot tubs, or spas will not qualify for a pool adjustment. Please contact the Town Office at 540-740-3432 for a copy of the guidelines and an Application for Swimming Pool Credit. Applications are also available on our website at www.newmarketvirginia.com.

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 asmoot@newmarketvirginia.com

CONGRESS ST. SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

Participating downtown businesses are hosting a Summer Block Party on Congress Street on July 27th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Join us downtown to shop sidewalk sales, enjoy music from Sound Solutions, play games, win prizes and more. Dine at one of our wonderful restaurants too!

ALSO, for every purchase made at any of the participating businesses, you can enter a drawing for one of four \$25 gift cards. (No minimum amount to purchase).

YARD SALES

As spring 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.



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.

PET WASTE

Pet waste left on the street or lawn does not just go away or fertilize the grass. Rain washes pet waste down storm drains and into waterways like rivers, bays, and beaches. Pet waste also provides a nitrogen source for algae blooms, which deplete the water of oxygen and can make people and animals sick.

The Town of New Market has an ordinance regarding pet waste. Sec. 14-3.1 – Unlawful to allow dogs to defecate on public or private property; exception

- a) No person shall knowingly or willfully allow a dog belonging to him or in his custody to defecate on the private property of other persons without the consent of such persons, or to defecate on public property; except that defecation by a dog on such property shall not constitute a violation of this section if the owner or person in custody of the dog immediately removes the material defecated and disposes of it in a safe and sanitary manner.
- b) Any person violating and foregoing provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor for each violation.

What You Should Do

• Keep a supply of bags handy

When walking your pet, take a bag with you for quick waste pick-up. It helps to keep a supply of bags near your dog leash and to tie the bags on the leash if you don't have a pocket or pack. Consider re-using plastic newspaper bags or bread bags. Use the bag to pick up the waste, and tie it closed. When at home, long-handled pooper-scoopers are available at pet stores make it easy to pick up after pets without stooping over.

• Dispose of pet waste properly

Place sealed bags of pet waste in the trash. It may help to double bag dog waste or kitty litter. Do not throw waste near or into storm drains, and do not dump kitty litter outside. Do not flush pet waste down your toilet.

• Follow local rules and signs

Some cities and towns have fines for not picking up waste on streets, in parks, or in dog parks.

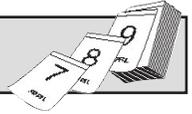
• Help others remember to scoop the poop

Don't let your pet pollute, and encourage those around you to be responsible pet owners, too.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 2023

- 4 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day**
- 5 **Independence Day Celebration**
- 7 Lawn and Leaf
- 14 Lawn and Leaf
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21 Lawn and Leaf
- 27 **Congress St. Block Party**
- 28 Lawn and Leaf

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)**

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

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 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

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

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 Amber Smoot..... *Events & Marketing Director*

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