

## MAYOR'S CORNER ANNEXATION INFORMATION

In the April town newsletter I informed our citizens that a builder was interested in purchasing 100 acres on the south side of Click's Lane. When the owner of the land approached us to begin discussions of the sale and development of the land, it was then that we discovered the restrictions placed on the parcel dating back to 2012. These restrictions were agreed upon at that time by both County Supervisors and Town Council and called the Voluntary Settlement Agreement (VSA). The VSA outlines what the Town has to do in order to annex land adjacent to our southern and eastern borders and it places limits on what can be constructed on the property. In the case of these 100 acres, the VSA limits construction of 1 house on 2 acres, thereby limiting the total to a maximum of 50 homes.

As you have already been informed, New Market and the County agreed approximately a year ago to start the legal process of amending the VSA. The Commission on Local Government (CLG) held their public hearing in New Market in March of this year and rendered their approval in May with some minor recommendations. Following the outlined legal process, the Town held its public hearing in July, and the County held its public hearing later in the same month. The next step in amending the VSA was to have a 3 judge panel review the proposal and provide their ruling. However, in an attempt to provide our citizens with another

opportunity to fully understand the annexation process, we offer the following invitation:

THE TOWN OF NEW MARKET HAS HIRED THE BERKLEY GROUP TO FACILITATE AN INFORMATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING OUTLINING THE AMENDMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHENANDOAH COUNTY AND THE TOWN. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 AT THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER FROM 6:00PM-8:00PM. THIS MEETING WILL PROVIDE OUR CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO THE FACTS THAT WILL BE PRESENTED AND TO ASK QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO CORRECT ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS. INFORMATIONAL BROCHURES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE BERKLEY GROUP AND MADE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OFFICE. THE BROCHURE'S INFORMATION ALONG WITH THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING WILL BE PLACED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE. FOR THE CITIZENS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SITES.

Larry A. Bompiani  
New Market Mayor

### SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY FARM PRODUCE MARKET

Wednesdays 3:00-6:00 pm  
100 Bindery Rd, New Market, VA  
Cash only  
Bring your own bags if you can 😊

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

September: Strawberries, Apples, Tomatoes, Bell Peppers, Lettuce, Kale, Broccoli, Beets, Cilantro, Spinach, Bread: home made from our wheat, Salsa, Strawberry Jam, Flowers, Potatoes, Amaranth, Squash.

### 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

The Library thanks and congratulates all who participated in the Summer Reading Program! We also enjoyed seeing many of our patrons at National Night Out!

The New Market Area Library will once again host two story times monthly for children during the 23-24 school year.

**Books and Babies (for ages 0 to 3)** - First WEDNESDAY of each month at 10:00 am (note change in day of the week from last year) for littles and their parent/guardian. Books, songs, chants, and working/playing together are featured. The first fall program, "Getting to Know You" will be Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 10:00 am.

**Preschool Story times (for ages 3 to 5)** - Third FRIDAY of each month at 10:00 am for preschoolers and their parent/guardians. Groups are also welcome. Books, songs, rhymes, and art are featured. The first fall

program, "A is for Apple!" will be September 16, 2023, at 10:00 am.

Another informative adult program is planned for Sunday, September 10th at 2:00 pm. The speaker will be ocean expert Dr. David Guggenheim, Ph.D.; a marine scientist, conservation policy specialist, submarine pilot, ocean explorer, filmmaker, author and educator. He is president and founder of the Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization, Ocean Doctor. Dr. Guggenheim is a regular spokesperson on ocean issues and has been featured on 60 minutes, Good Morning America, CNN, BBC, MSNBC, National Geographic and in the NY Times. His topic for the program will be "The Remarkable Coral Reefs of Cuba".



## MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK 2023

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

**Date:** Saturday, September 16th, 2023

**Movie Title:** Mario Bros.

**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 Sept 21, 2023.

## NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

We hope everyone has had a great summer!!! For the month of July, our department ran a total of 192 calls. We had 120 EMS calls and 72 Fire calls. Out of the 192 calls, 126 of those calls were in town limits.

Our next Blood Drive will be Thursday, September 7th from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Stop by and donate a pint of blood. The life you save could be yours.

Our annual Fall Fling is Saturday, September 23rd. Doors open at 8:00 am. Tickets are \$25 each. Over \$100,000 in prizes to be given away. Stop by the station and get your ticket today.

We're always looking for new members to add to our department. If you would like to become a volunteer, please see any member.

Thank you for your support to our department!!

## SUMMER'S END PUPPY POOL PARTY

This is the 10th annual Puppy 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  
9670 Cadet Rd.

Fee: \$3.00 per dog OR food donation brought for the Shenandoah County Animal Shelter

Date: September 10th, 2023

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](http://newmarketvirginia.com) OR our FB page for details on requirements, rules, and how to register.

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## NEW MARKET'S FALL FESTIVAL

Come join us for the annual Fall Festival (formerly known as Heritage Days), hosted by the Our Town Enhancement Committee, 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 23rd, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Where: Downtown New Market

## HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items **ONE MORE TIME THIS YEAR**. Next month, they will be out picking up your heavy trash items from Monday, Oct 16th through Friday, Oct 20th. 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 20th, 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, Oct 20th, 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.



## 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.

September 15th - Out of Spite

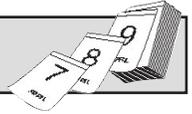
October 6th - Big City Band

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



## 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

## October 2023

- 6 **Crossroads Music Fest at Rebel Park-Big City Band 6:30-9:00 pm**
- 6 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 13 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 14 **Movie Night in the Park at sundown (approx. 8:00 pm)**
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 27 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 31 **Trick or Treat on Congress Street 5:00 pm -7:00 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.  
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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..... *Executive Assistant*

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