

## MAYOR'S CORNER

Hello and welcome to February! The weather has been a little unsettled for the month of January. We have had highs in the 60's and then back to the 30's. Winter is upon us and we can expect uncertainty each day. Our town employees work hard during unsettled weather to assure that there are no interruptions in your daily commute and make you feel safe during severe weather conditions. Take time to show your appreciation and gratitude to them for all they do in the town on a daily basis.

February is American Heart Month. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States; one in every four deaths is from heart disease and stroke. February is a good time to spread awareness about the importance of heart healthy lives. As a community, we can encourage each other to live heart healthy lives to create a strong future for each of us. We can "get moving" in many ways whether it is taking an evening walk or playing outdoors with the kids.

The Town offices will be closed Monday, February 19, 2018 which is Presidents' Day. Presidents' Day is celebrated on the third Monday in February. It was originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, and it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. The day is tra-

ditionally celebrated on February 22 which is Washington's actual day of birth. The holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

As always, please continue to "think local, shop local". A huge "thank you" to those of you who have patronized our local businesses these past few months to shop for friends and loved ones. It is important to keep our money in the community we live in.

February 14, 2018 is Saint Valentine's Day - or simply Valentine's Day. There is one love that you should always honor this holiday: your own. This holiday doesn't have to be about a day for couples, it's a day about the love and compassion we all appreciate both giving and getting back from others. Explore your own way of celebrating with someone or by simply doing something that puts a smile on your face and joy in your heart. Don't forget to enjoy some good chocolate as well!

As always, I continue to enjoy serving as your Mayor. Please let me know of your concerns and I will be glad to take time to listen.

Douglas C. Bradley  
Mayor of New Market

## NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE HAM AND OYSTER DINNER

The New Market Fire and Rescue Department is hosting their annual Ham and Oyster Dinner on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 from 11 a.m.-until. The meal will include ham, fried oysters, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and tea or coffee. We look forward to seeing friendly faces of the community we serve, and appreciate the support.

**Where:** New Market Fire and Rescue Department  
9771 Congress St, New Market

**When:** Saturday, February 3rd, 2018

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.- UNTIL

**Price:** • \$16.00 adult • \$8.00 children (5yrs-12yrs)  
• FREE for under 5 years of age

*\*\*Take outs are available for \$1.00 Extra\*\**

## NEW MARKET ROTARY

February 7, 2018: Dale Diacont - Railroads of Virginia - emphasis on the Shenandoah

February 14, 2018: Dia Russell - Girls on the Run - building healthy minds and bodies

February 21, 2018: Les Helmuth- VMRC Foundation Director - fund raising for small groups

February 28, 2018: Club meeting

Meetings are held in the Miller Grille at Shenvalee beginning at noon. Please join us.

## NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The New Market Fire and Rescue Department is hosting a Longaberger Basket Bingo on February 24, 2018. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and Bingo will start at 11:00 a.m. There will be 20 games as well as extra raffles and food available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For advance tickets or more information call Stephanie 540-335-8706 or Michelle 540-560-4719.

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Bingo starts at 11:00 a.m.

**Price:** \$20 for advance  
\$25 at the door

## BUSINESS LICENSES DUE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

Business license renewal applications were recently mailed out. The License tax is \$10.00 per annum if gross receipts are \$10,000 or less and \$.10 per \$100.00 gross receipts if gross receipts are in excess of \$10,000.00 per annum. A 10% penalty will be assessed for failure to pay on or before March 01, 2018. All outstanding taxes and fees must be paid before the license will be issued.

## LIBRARY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

### Children Programs:

February is winter reading month for preschoolers at the library. Be sure to sign up your child aged 0-6! Receive a Snuggle with a Book reading log, record books read to your child, return at the end of the month and your child will receive a free book. Winter reading will end with the annual Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day party on Friday, March 2, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. The snow date will be Friday, March 9. Winter reading prizes will be given, and many fun activities including face painting, making green eggs and ham, creating a Dr. Seuss hat, eating Dr. Seuss birthday cake, and more will be included.

- Books and Babies will be held Friday, February 2 at 10 am. It is geared for children ages 0-3. Older siblings are welcome to attend as helpers.
- Preschool Story time will be Friday, February 16th at 10 am. It is geared for children ages 3-6. The program includes books, music, movement activities, and a craft. Area preschools and child caregivers are invited to come.

### Adult Programs:

- February 10, 2018 at 3:00 pm, Tyre Yancey will present a program entitled, "The Age of Barns", based on a book by the same title and written by Eric Sloan. Tyre Yancey, retired farmer, photo-journalist, and popular lecturer will share photos, history, and stories of barns in the Shenandoah Valley. In November, Mr. Yancey brought us a program on the history of silos in the Shenandoah Valley. Due to popular demand, he is returning to share the second lecture in his Americana series. All are welcome to attend this free program.
- The library will host a series of Saturday afternoon gardening programs. Each talk will last about 45 minutes - 1 hour, followed by Q&A, door prize raffles, and plant/seed/garden stuff swaps. Attendees are encouraged - though absolutely not required to bring extra plants, seeds and garden items to share, swap and discuss with others. They are also very welcome to bring any general garden questions or concerns for discussion.

The first program will be February 24, 2018. The theme will be, Berries, the easy and attractive way to grow fruit in your landscape, by Elaine Specht. Elaine is a member of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association and has a Horticulture Certificate from North Carolina State University. Imagine gathering fresh fruit from your own backyard for pies, preserves, or to put on your morning cereal. Planting strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, and other types of berries is a manageable way to raise your own delicious and nutritious fruit. This garden talk is timed perfectly for early spring so you can begin preparing your own berry patch to enjoy for years to come.

### New Books:

Bomb Maker, Thomas Perry  
Promise Not to Tell, Jayne Ann Krentz  
Unbound, Stuart Woods  
Robicheaux, James Lee Burke  
Out of the Ashes, Tracie Peterson  
God Gene, F. Paul Wilson  
Operator Down, Brad Taylor  
Fools and Mortals, Bernard Cornwell  
English Wife, Lauren Willig  
Shroud of Eternity, Terry Goodkind  
Take, Christopher Reich  
Munich, Robert Harris

City of Endless Night,  
Douglas Preston  
Fall From Grace, Danielle Steele  
Hidden Depths, Anne Cleaves  
Sisters Like Us, Susan Mallery  
Still Me, Jojo Moyes  
Pope of Palm Beach, Tim Dorsey  
House of Secrets, V.C. Andrews  
Graves a Fine and Private Place,  
Alan Bradley  
Act of Revenge, Dale Brown  
Dark in Death, J.D. Robb

## NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB NEWS

The New Market Lions Club is proud to announce that two of their members have received national recognition. District Governor John Knepper came to our December 11, 2017 meeting and recognized two members for their years of service.

Lion Tommy Foltz was recognized for his 60 years of service. Lion Foltz is a charter member of the New Market club. Lion Foltz has been a regular member since the club began in 1958. Lion Foltz indicated that he could not remember missing a club meeting during that span. Lion Foltz has served in a number of leadership positions and has been past president of the club.

Lion Harry Lam was recognized also for his 40 years of membership. Lion Lam has also served in a number of leadership positions and has been a past president. Lion Lam has been a consistent seller of the Lions Club Brooms. The New Market Lions Club sells the very best corn silk brooms. They come in a variety of sizes and Lion Lam would be happy to sell them to you.

If you would like to learn more about the Lions and how you can become an active member in your community contact Lion Gary Cunningham at 540-740-8490. The New Market Lion Club is very interested in our local community and would like to invite applications for membership.

## PAST DUE TAX COLLECTION

To ensure the collection of past due taxes, since 2007 the Town of New Market has participated in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicle Renewal Withholding Program. Taxpayers with past due personal property taxes will have a claim against them with the DMV and will not be able to renew their vehicle registration until the entire tax is paid in full along with a \$40 fee. Only cash, money orders and certified checks will be accepted for payment with a DMV stop. In addition, by authority of the Code of Virginia, §58.1-520 thru §58.1-534, the Town of New Market may also authorize the Virginia Department of Taxation to apply individual income tax refunds, or a portion thereof, to an outstanding debt owed to the Town. This action is subject to a \$20 administrative fee. If you have questions please contact the Town Office at 540-740-3432.

## RESPONSIBILITIES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember to do your part to keep the sidewalks open and clear for those wishing to use them this winter season. In 2004 the Town Council passed an ordinance in which property owners are responsible for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks along their property. The Town thanks you for promptly clearing your sidewalk for the benefit of not only you, but for your neighbors and the entire community as well. Please contact the town office for details pertaining to the Town Ordinance.

If you are unable to clear snow on or along your property you will need to find someone to assist you. There are many people who offer this service. It would be wise to seek out help before the winter weather arrives.

Please also maintain access to your water meter. Trimming foliage and clearing snow and ice from the lid of the meter pit can ensure proper access to your water meter. Maintaining access to your water meter will assist us with:

- Emergency shutoffs (for frozen pipes) when you are away from home or are unable to turn off the water inside your location.
- Emergency water meter maintenance.



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## AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN POST 166

The Post is now open from 3:30 pm until 7:00 pm Tuesday through Friday. We are also open Saturday from 3:00 pm until. We have several pool players playing on Saturday. Come join the fun! A pool tournament is being planned. Date will be announced later.

Club manager, Charlie Towe wants to extend a warm welcome for all Vietnam Vet's to stop in.

Steak suppers are held on the 1st Friday and Shrimp suppers are held on the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 5 pm. These suppers are open to the public and are held in the club room. Steak suppers are \$14.00 for a 12 oz. rib-eye steak, baked potato, salad dessert, and biscuits. Shrimp suppers consist of steamed shrimp, french fries and slaw.

Let us schedule your party, meeting, reunion, reception, banquet or other event in our social hall, or picnic pavilion, located at 202 E. Old Cross Rd. Contact the post at 540-740-8653, after 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday.

For any information on the membership of the Sons of the American Legion please call Tim Palmer 740-3353, or Commander Dennis Thompson at 335-5791.

Any old, torn, or frayed flag can be left for proper disposal at the Post Drop Box which can be found in our parking lot. Please do not leave them in plastic bags.

Please support your Veterans and the Post by signing up a new member. These dues are used to support our Legion projects, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Boys Nation, Oratorical contest, Junior Shooting Sports, Scouting and flag etiquette and scholarships. We also support programs that benefit so many people and their families in our community.

**USA - "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"**

### PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS WITH ALEX

Hopefully extremely cold weather does not return until next year. The Town wishes to thank every individual that patiently endured an issue with their water meter or a disruption in their service brought about by the repair of a leak. Water bills for the month of March will contain a brochure and voluntary survey regarding New Market's Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention Program. Cross Connections occur when the Town water system can become contaminated inside a home or business. Please contact the Town Office for more information.

The Town Planning Commission met on January 2 and will meet on February 5, with amendments to the Town zoning code representing the main agenda item. Zoning regulations impact the use of property, such as the minimum lot area needed to construct a home. Increasing the maximum building height in commercial districts and reducing the minimum lot size of single-family homes are key features of amendments under discussion. A joint public hearing will be held Monday March 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers. Please contact the Town Office for more information.

Sincerely, Alex Berryman

### 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 residents of New Market, Quicksburg, and Forestville on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Daniel Dellinger has been an employee with the town for 10 years. He started working at the sewer plant, transferred to maintenance and is currently working in the water department. He spends his days handling water/sewer issues and making sure the town is provided with clean safe drinking water.

One of Daniel's favorite things to do as a kid was go hunting and he still enjoys it today. If he would win the lottery he would build a place for the homeless and for sick children. Daniel's favorite sports team is the Dallas Cowboys and his favorite TV show is Andy Griffith. Daniel is a tremendous asset to the town with his friendly attitude and constant willingness to help.

### URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Tree City USA represents a designation managed by the Arbor Day Foundation that The Town of New Market is currently working towards. The Tree City USA designation would show that New Market is actively enhancing trees and shrubbery throughout Town in order to build a more green and healthy community.

Tree City USA requirements include creating an Urban Forestry Advisory Board. Five citizen board members with an interest in arboriculture and landscaping are needed. The members of the board will serve a four-year term, and meet once every quarter.

If interested please contact Alex Berryman by calling the Town Office or by email to [a.berryman@newmarketvirginia.com](mailto:a.berryman@newmarketvirginia.com).

### ROUSS THEATRE AND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Rouss Theatre and Center for the Arts is presenting Abigail/1702 by Robert Aguirre-Sacasa in association with Dramatists Play scripts on Friday and Saturday, February 2 - 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm and on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 3:00 pm. Based on what happened to the young girls involved in the 1692 Salem witch trial hysteria, the story proposes a possible solution to the mystery. The Rouss Theatre and Center for the Arts is located at 9357 N. Congress St., New Market, VA. Tickets are \$12.00. For more information, please call 888-341-7313 (toll free) or email [rouss.center@gmail.com](mailto:rouss.center@gmail.com).

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The annual New Market Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Friday, March 16, 2018. Please call the chamber office at 740-3212 for details and tickets.

Heritage Days will be held Saturday, September 22, 2018. Vendors are needed and can apply on our website, <http://newmarketcoc.net/>, or by calling the chamber office at 740-3212.

The Spotlight business for February will be SonaBank.

The next monthly business meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 pm at the Jackson Corner Café hosted by TD Distributors.

### SHELTER RENTAL 2018

Shelter #1	(11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	\$30.00
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Shelters #2-4	(11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	\$25.00
Shelters #2-4	(4:00 p.m. - closing)	\$25.00
Shelters #5-6	(11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	\$20.00
Shelters #5-6	(4:00 p.m. - closing)	\$20.00
Gazebo	(All Day)	\$25.00

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**TOWN OF NEW MARKET  
CONTACT INFORMATION**

New Market Town Office: 540-740-3432  
 Dispatch: 540-459-6101  
 (for after-hours and weekend Water/Sewer  
 Emergencies)  
Emergency Services:  
 Emergencies: 911  
 Shenandoah County Dispatch: 540-459-6101  
 Police Department: 540-740-3776  
 Fire and Rescue: 540-740-8904

**February 2018**

- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 19 **Town Office Closed**  
**in observance of Presidents Day**
- 20 Town Council Meeting  
(Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm

**March 2018**

- 1 2018 Business License Applications Due
- 5 Council Work Session TBD
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 19 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Town of New Market  
 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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**TOWN COUNCIL**

Doug Bradley, Mayor • John H. Blosser, Vice Mayor  
 Gary D. Comer • Peggy Harkness • Peter Hughes • Tim Palmer • Scott Wymer  
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

**ADMINISTRATION**

J. Todd Walters ..... <i>Town Manager</i>	Donna Lohr ..... <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Chris Rinker ..... <i>Police Chief</i>	Lindsey Kipps ..... <i>Office Assistant</i>
Alex Berryman ..... <i>Town Planner / Zoning Administrator</i>	Amber Dennison ..... <i>Events &amp; Marketing Director</i>
Teresa Green ..... <i>Town Treasurer</i>	

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