

## MAYOR'S CORNER

March can bring us bad weather but, at this point we haven't had much inclement weather to deal with or dodge. I think we all welcome the nice, warm weather especially in the winter months. When we approach March, we know that we are on the downhill side of winter and spring is straight ahead. As we approach this new time, we can make better use of our natural daylight and get outdoors more often.

The beginning of spring marks Daylight Savings Time which is Sunday, March 11, 2018. This is the perfect time to practice "Change your Clock, Change your Batteries". It is a small and easy step to help protect your family, pets, and loved ones. Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks. Daylight Savings Time provides a convenient reminder to us to take care of both items at the same time. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chance of surviving a home fire. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

As we are all aware, there have been many tragedies lately as a result of extreme disturbances in our schools, towns, and other facilities. We have to be on constant guard for protection and staying out of harm's way whether we are at home or out in the community. Remember, when a situation presents itself with unusual,

disturbing, threatening, or erratic behavior you should report this to the authorities immediately. We tend to think this is a bother to others, but by reporting the situation to the authorities, you have made them aware of a situation that could eventually be the difference between life and death of yourself or another person. The authorities are trained and have the expertise to gather the data surrounding the situation and making the determination of whether the activity is of concern or not. So, when you are in doubt, report it. It could save lives.

Lifeguard Classes are being offered at New Market Community Pool this spring. If you have ever thought about being a lifeguard, here is an opportunity to point you in the right direction. The summer days are approaching us and we will soon be ready for warm days at the pool. If you are interested in obtaining the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, you may visit the town's website for more information including registration and fee details.

As March approaches us, so does St. Patrick's Day. My Irish blessing for you is "May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, And nothing but happiness come through your door". Don't forget to wear your green on St. Patrick's Day...if not, you could get pinched. Have a wonderful month of March!

Douglas C. Bradley  
Mayor of New Market

## BUSINESS LICENSES

### When Required

Every person engaging in the town in any business, trade, profession, or occupation, unless exempted by law, shall apply for a license for business if (a.) such person maintains a definite place of business in the town, (b.) maintains a building in town, which shall be deemed a definite place of business, or (c.) operates amusement machines, or is engaged as an itinerant merchant, contractor, or is a public service corporation subject to the Code of Virginia.

### Applying For a Business License

Before you apply for a business license, please contact the Town Planner (540-740-3432) to ensure that the business you wish to operate meets all of the Town's zoning regulations. Business license applications are available at the Town Office or on the town website [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com). If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the form, we will be happy to assist you.

## SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris begins Friday, April 6, 2018. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags. Please visit our town website [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com) or call the town offices at 740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Charlie Meadows has been an employee with the town for 10 years. He works in the maintenance department and his favorite thing about his job is his coworkers. During the work day Charlie does a variety of things including park maintenance, mowing/weed eating, pool maintenance, helping with water leaks and sewer backups, and plowing snow. He recently earned the certified pool and spa operator certification which is the national standard. Charlie enjoys hunting and would enjoy a vacation to Canada. His favorite sports team is the Pittsburgh Steelers and he enjoys watching anyone beat the Redskins. Charlie is a dedicated employee who is willing to complete any task at any time.

## 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).



## LIBRARY NEWS FOR MARCH 2018

March 2, 2018 at 5:00, the New Market Library will participate in Read Across America Day with the celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Face painting, Seuss activities, green eggs and ham, and a birthday cake will be included in the fun. This event also marks the end of the winter reading program. Participants can bring in completed logs to receive their free book.

Books and Babies will be held March 2, 2018 at 10:00 am. This month's stories and activities will be all about stars. This program is geared for children ages 0-3 and includes stories, songs, movement activities, chants, and time to play together. Older siblings are welcome as helpers.

Preschool Story time will be held March 9, 2018 at 10:00 am and will also be on the stars theme. This story time is planned for children ages 3 through 6. Program includes books, music, movement activities, and a craft. Area preschools and child caregivers are invited to come.

Our New Market Library adult program is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be Pat Cheeks, Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, and author. She will be talking about her new book, "How to Say No without Feeling Guilty, Horrible, Selfish, Mean or Bad"

A gardening program is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m. This one is entitled "Herbs! Delicious additions to your garden and kitchen".

### New books at the library:

Death in Live Oak, James Grippando  
 Gate Keeper, Charles Todd  
 Masterpiece, Francine Rivers  
 Great Alone, Kristin Hannah  
 Look for Me, Lisa Gardner  
 Night Moves, Jonathon Kellerman  
 Surprise Me , Sophie Kinsella  
 Poison, John Lescroart  
 Fifty Fifty, James Patterson  
 Down the River and Into the Sea,  
 Walter Mosely

Sunburn, Laura Lippman  
 Agent in Place, Mark Greaney  
 Tuscan Child, Rhys Bowen  
 Death of an Honest Man,  
 M.C. Beaton  
 Hello Stranger, Lisa Kleypas  
 One Last Breath, Lisa Jackson  
 Raspberry Danish Murder,  
 Joanne Fluke  
 Bad Daughter, Joy Fielding

## NEW MARKET LIONS CLUB NEWS

The New Market Lions Club will be having their annual 4th of July auction again this year at 11:00 AM in Shelter 2 at the New Market Community Park. As you are doing your spring cleaning, consider making a donation to the New Market Lions Club. To make a donation to the New Market Lion's Club, contact either Gary Cunningham at 540-740-8490, Tom McNeilus at 540-333-5227, or Boyd Ritchie at 540-740-8823. The Lions Club will not be able to take any donations of furniture, TV's or appliances.

The New Market Lions club uses this fund raiser to help fund the club's local community programs. One of the projects of the New Market Lions Club provides eye glasses and eye exams to those in our local community that are unable to get these services. The club also uses proceeds from the auction to fund a scholarship available to a graduating senior from Stonewall.

Also as a part of the 4th of July Auction, the club will be having a gun raffle. Tickets can be purchased from any member. Tickets are: one for \$3, two for \$5 or a book of ten tickets is \$20. The gun this year will be a Henry 22s/L/LR Lever Action Rifle. You do not need to be present to win.

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.

## YOGA CLASSES

The Town of New Market and Christine Wells will be hosting a series of all levels yoga classes at the New Market Community Center.

This class is designed with everybody in mind. This class introduces foundation yoga postures, teaches you how to connect the breath with the movement of your body and helps you feel comfortable in your yoga practice. This class is designed to challenge your body both mentally and physically.

All class sessions are 1 hour long. If you cannot make it to class on time, you have a 10 minute window to arrive. It is discouraged to arrive later, as you may miss warm up and that is a vital part of the class.

It is encouraged for you to wear comfy clothes that allow for movement. It is not required to bring a yoga mat or towel, but is HIGHLY encouraged. If you have additional yoga equipment that you would like to bring please do so.

Below are the fees associated with the class. Note that packaged sessions can be used on any of the sessions being held. To guarantee your spot in class please pre-register by contacting Amber. Pre-registration is not required however space is limited.

If you have questions please feel free to call Amber Smoot at 540-740-3432 or email at a.smoot@newmarketvirginia.com. We hope to see lots of friendly faces ready to embrace yoga.

Day	Dates	Time
Tues./Thurs.	March 6th-March 29th	6:00pm-7:00 pm
Wednesday	March 7th-March 28th	10:00am-11:00am

### FEES:

Cash only

Drop in - \$10.00

Package Deals (save \$\$) non-refundable

4 Sessions - \$35

6 Sessions - \$50

8 Sessions - \$64

12 Sessions - \$85 (discount plus free session)

## SHELTER RENTAL 2018

Shelter #1	(11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	\$30.00
Shelter #1	(4:00 p.m. - closing)	\$30.00
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

## AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN POST 166

The Post is now open from 3:30-7:00 pm Tuesday-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; they are open to the public and 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.

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## NEW MARKET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**New Market Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet:** The banquet will be held March 16, 2018 at Southern Kitchen. Doors open at 6:00 pm with a cash bar. The banquet will also hold a Silent Auction and numerous door prizes will be given away. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office or through a Chamber Board Member for \$25 each. This is always a fun event, and this year will be no different. For more information you may call the Chamber office at 740-3212. If you have anything you would like to donate to the Silent Auction or for a door prize, please contact the Chamber office.

**Merchant's Open Market:** The Open Market will again be held the first Saturday of every month from May through December. If you know of any vendor or crafter, please pass the word onto them. The cost to participate in the Open Market is \$10 each month. If the vendor/crafter prepays the \$80 for the season their fee for Heritage Days will be waived. The hours of the Market will be 9:00 am-2:00 pm and will be held in the SunTrust parking lot. For more information or for a vendor/crafter application please call the Chamber office or visit the Chamber's website.

## NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New Market Historical Society (NMHS) will meet on Thurs., March 22 at 7:00 pm in the New Market Town Council Chambers. John Adamson will present a brief history of New Market gunsmith Henry Spitzer and his sons, Charles and William. A number of antique Spitzer long rifles from Adamson's personal collection and the collections of Frank Kobilis and Burt Sours will be displayed. The public will have an opportunity to examine Spitzer rifles up close and discuss the history of these antique firearms with the collectors. This display is a rare chance for the public to see a great collection of 200 year old hand-made rifles in the town of their origin. Guests are welcome to attend.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

**DATE: Saturday, March 24th, 2018 rain or shine**

**TIME: Arrive by 9:00 a.m. Hunt starts at 9:30 a.m.**

**LOCATION: New Market Community Park**

Come out for a fun Easter Egg Hunt at the New Market Community Park on Saturday, March 24th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. This is a rain or shine event. Ages 1 to 10 are invited to hunt eggs and visit with the Easter Bunny. Children should bring their own Easter basket to collect eggs filled with candy or prizes. There is no charge for this event. In addition to the hunt for eggs, there will be other fun activities to participate in.

Arrive by 9:00 a.m. in order for volunteers to divide the children into groups. Hunt starts at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

Thank you to the New Market Rotary and Stonewall Jackson High School Interact Club for coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt and the Town of New Market for sponsoring the event.

## POOL STAFF NEEDED

The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2018 season. Lifeguards must currently have, or be able to obtain prior to the season, a Red Cross certification. Interested candidates must be willing to work flexible hours.

Applications for employment are available on the Town's website [www.newmarketvirginia.com/contact/employment](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com/contact/employment) or at the Town Office, 9418 John Sevier Road.

This is a great opportunity for summer employment and a way to make some extra cash. The Pool opens Saturday, May 26, 2017. Applications should be turned in to the Town Office, Attn: Donna Lohr, Administrative Assistant, at 9418 John Sevier Road or mailed to P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844. Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

## 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.

**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:

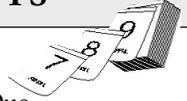
Emergencies: 911

Shenandoah County Dispatch: 540-459-6101

Police Department: 540-740-3776

Fire and Rescue: 540-740-8904

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**March 2018**

- 1 2018 Business License Applications Due
- 5 Council Work Session 4:30 pm
- 5 Board of Zoning Appeals 6:00 pm
- 5 Joint Public Hearing 7:00 pm
- 5 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 19 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 24 Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am

**April 2018**

- 2 Council Work Session TBD
- 6 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 9-13 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 13 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 27 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

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**TOWN COUNCIL**

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Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

**ADMINISTRATION**

J. Todd Walters ..... *Town Manager*  
Chris Rinker ..... *Police Chief*  
Alex Berryman ..... *Town Planner / Zoning Administrator*  
Teresa Green ..... *Town Treasurer*

Donna Lohr ..... *Administrative Assistant*  
Lindsey Kipps ..... *Office Assistant*  
Amber Dennison ..... *Events & Marketing Director*

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