

MAYOR'S CORNER

Here we are in March! Cross your fingers for good luck on our weather. So far, we have been free of snow storms and bad weather this winter. Spring is just around the corner now! As we move closer to spring, we begin thinking about the flowers and warm days. Remember to “think local, shop local” to find items for your home and loved ones. The warm weather and beautiful colors of spring will be welcomed by us all.

The New Market Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual meeting on Friday March 20, 2020 at the Southern Kitchen in New Market. This is a special time to recognize the many outstanding businesses, citizen and civic organizations of our Town. A silent auction will be held and social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a delicious dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the banquet will be “New Market Rocks” and the cost to attend the event is \$25 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, by calling 540-740-3212 or you may contact any Board Member. I have attended the event for several years and found it a great time to connect with other community members. Your continued support is much appreciated!

The beginning of spring marks Daylight Savings Time and I would like to remind everyone to “Change your Clock, Change your Batteries” on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Our clocks are turned forward. This day is also a reminder that it is time

to change your smoke detector battery. Take this important step to help protect your family.

We continue to move through winter at what seems like a snail’s pace. As we do, remember the many things that the valley has to offer. There are many wine vineyards for visiting, our town flea markets and antique shops, coffee shops, and sandwich shops. Take time if you have a chance to get out to explore the valley and all it has to offer.

The Town Council, Town Administration, and myself continue to work through the annual budget process to assure that your tax dollars are spent in the most efficient and cost effective manner. The process includes planning, preparation, and evaluation of all revenue and expenditures. These steps are all essential during the annual budget cycle. We strive to meet the priorities and goals of the town in the most cost effective way.

Finally, as we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day my wish for you is that you try to be grateful for the abundance of the blessings upon you, for the journey that you are on and to relish each day as a gift. Be sure to wear green that day...if not, you may get pinched.

Douglas C. Bradley
Mayor of New Market

CHILDCARE CENTER FUNDRAISER

Community Care and Learning Center (CCLC) will host a baked potato and chili bar with a special silent auction on Saturday, March 14th, at Manor Memorial Methodist Church, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The price is \$8.00, children age 5 and under are \$3.00. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$7.50. You can call the childcare center at 740-2804 to donate or volunteer and to arrange for pre-sale tickets. Meals will include a drink and dessert. Take-out meals will be available as well (no drink). Lots of great items will be included in the silent auction. Bidding will run from 11:30-2:30. Watch our Facebook page for sneak peaks of the items available. CCLC is New Market’s only full-day childcare center and is located at 189 East Lee Highway. The center, which opened last summer, is nearly full with children age 2-5! Registration for summer care is now open for children up to age 12. This fundraiser will help our summer program and with our expansion plans that will include care for infants. Call for more information!

NEW MARKET ROTARY CLUB

New Market Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at the Shenvalee Golf Resort Miller Grille from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm. Visitors are welcome.

Upcoming programs:

- March 4, 2020 – Gilbert Ambler, Esq for U.S. Lawshield and 2nd Amendment
- March 11, 2020 – Travis Clark – President of Shenandoah and Page Valley Health Hospital
- March 18, 2020 – Jerry Biller – Current stock market report

Upcoming Event:

Up the Creek 5K Run/Walk on Monday May 25, 2020 – 8:00 am. Shenvalee Golf Course. Children 11 and under \$12 and all other ages \$20. Proceeds benefit New Market Community Care and Learning Center and scholarships for Stonewall Jackson and Seventh Day Adventist High Schools. Registration forms available at www.newmarketrotaryclub.net or on Facebook at Rotary Club of New Market.

NEW MARKET AREA LIBRARY MARCH 2020

The New Market Area Library sponsored a winter reading program for preschoolers. Children from ages birth to 6 may return their reading logs at the upcoming Winter Reading celebration for a free book. If unable to attend the winter reading celebration, they may return their log during regular library hours through Friday, March 20, to get their free book after March 2.

The Winter Reading celebration is open to children of all ages. The program will be held from 5 to 6:30 pm on Monday, March 2. There will be fun activities based on children's books including arts and crafts, cooking Green Eggs and Ham, arts, snacks and of course, reading, as children listen to books read aloud by high school and adult volunteers.

- Books and Babies story time/playtime for children ages birth to three will be held on Friday, March 6 at 10 am with the theme "March Madness." Activities include listening to books, singing, doing chants, movement, and playing together. Older siblings are welcome as helpers.
- Preschool Storytime for children ages 3 to 6 will be held on Friday, March 20, at 10 am with a Signs of Spring theme. Activities include listening to books read, songs, and a craft.

Check the New Market Area Library Facebook page for information on programs, cancellations, and photos from programs. Upcoming events include an Arbor Day celebration with the Town of New Market on Saturday, April 25 at 1 pm with special activities for children.

- Adult program: March 21, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. (Rescheduled from January) The speaker will be the author of Bad Moon Rising: The Prom Night Memoirs, Ed Morrison, with contribution from Mindy Morrison. In this true crime memoir, Ed Morrison chronicles his journey nearly fifty years after that fateful night to learn the truth of what happened, illuminate the evil within a murderer, and find resolution. Gathering insight from interviews with former police investigators, attorneys, judges, a survivor of a similar attack, and prison personnel, Morrison exposes the raw emotions that accompanied the senseless killings. He traces the murderer throughout his life, uncovering facts and unknown stories about his cross-country crime spree, imprisonment, and eventual death. Born in Newfoundland, Ed and his wife Mindy retired in the Shenandoah Valley. The program is free of charge. No pre-registration necessary. For more information, contact Bev Butterfield at (540) 335-5396.

The library has openings for volunteers. Qualifications include: ability to use computer and good people skills. Stop by the library for an application!

SHORT-TERM RENTALS INCLUDING AIRBNB

The Town of New Market has passed Ordinance No. 107 which amends certain provisions of the Town Code relating to Short-Term Rentals. Operators of short-term rentals must obtain a zoning permit, an annual business license, and collect and remit to the Town a 5% transient occupancy tax. Please contact the Town Office at 540-740-3432 for more information.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Come out for a fun Easter Egg Hunt at the New Market Community Park on Saturday, April 4th, 2020 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.

The March Business

Spotlight is:

New Market Exxon



New Market Exxon has been a family owned business, providing the community with various automobile services since the early 1960's at its current location 9378 N. Congress St.

Contact Junior or his staff for your auto care needs.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



Reformation Lutheran Church continues a tradition which began in September 1981, of providing a weekly gathering place and a home cooked meal for citizens in our community. The *Thursday Fellowship Luncheon* is held every Thursday in the parish hall at Reformation Lutheran Church (9283 Congress Street, New Market). Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. There is a free-will offering. Please note that if Shenandoah County Public Schools are closed for inclement weather, the *Luncheon* is cancelled. If you have any questions, please call our church office at 540-740-3239. Everyone is invited to come and share in a time of fellowship and to eat a warm, delicious meal.

THE NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New Market Historical Society (NMHS) will hold their March Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the New Market Town Council Chambers. The program, entitled "Tracing your Civil War ancestors", will be presented by Nicholas Picerno, Chairman of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. He will demonstrate on-line resources for conducting Civil War genealogies as well as explaining how archives and historical societies can assist with ancestor research.

If you had an ancestor who served in the Civil War, particularly your Confederate ancestor, have his name and regiment ready and Picerno will reveal his Civil War history. Guests are invited! Light refreshments will be served.

AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN

POST 166: (540) 740-8653 or Rebecca at 540-335-6064

The Post is open from 3:30 pm until, Tuesday through Saturday. Stop by and meet Rebecca and Jeannie, for a good meal and to socialize. We have several pool players on Saturdays so come and join the fun.

The steak suppers are held on the 1st Friday of each month starting at 5:00 pm. These suppers are open to the public and are held in the club room. Suppers are \$15.00 for a 12 oz. rib-eye steak, baked potato, salad, dessert, and biscuits.

Shrimp suppers, also open to the public, are held on the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 5:00 pm. A shrimp supper includes, steamed shrimp, french fries and slaw. Price is \$15.00 for a lb. and \$9.00 for ½ lb.

All veterans honorably discharged after December 1941 and Sons of a veteran, are now eligible to join the Legion. You can contact Adjutant, Mitch at (703) 509-6958 or Commander Tim Palmer at (540) 740-3353, for more information.

The Post has scheduled the first yard sale for the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. All donations if possible should be received by April 28, 2020. As you are cleaning out your basement, attic or closets, and would like to donate these items to the Legion, you can drop them off at the picnic pavilion or if you need them picked up, call Ron Thompson at 540-246-7901.

Poker nights are being scheduled for Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. Call Rebecca at 540-335-6064 or the Post after 4 pm for more information. For pool tournament information and scheduling contact Stanley at 540-379-8510.

The Post will be having Open House on April 25, 2020, with membership drive. There will be lots of food and fun. For more information call Rebecca.

The Red Cross approached the Legion about a blood drive later in the year. If you would like to help with the advertising or donate blood, please call Tim Palmer at (540)740-3353 for further information.

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 Rebecca at 540-335-6064 or the post at 740-8653, after 4:00 pm.

We have the honor to collect and retire the colors which have served us for many years, on a great variety of occasions. Please leave them in the drop box located in our parking lot at 202 E. Old Cross Rd. Do not leave them in bags or boxes which can be disposed of in the dumpster next to the drop box. We shall retire them with the respect they so well deserve.

USA – “Home of the Free, Because of the Brave”

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

The beginning of the year is a great time to make sure your information is up to date. Often times our staff will attempt to contact our customers via phone when an issue is suspected at a property. It is always best to have a phone number where you can be reached during the day in case an emergency situation arises. Without a phone number on file often times we have to shut off water service to a property until an issue can be resolved and town staff is unable to make the resident aware. This can cause issues when a resident arrives home and no longer has access to water service. Phone numbers will never be shared outside of the town office. If you would like to update your phone number you can call our office at 540-740-3432, or write it on the remittance stub included with your payment.

POOL STAFF NEEDED

The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2020 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 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 23, 2020. 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 15, 2020.**

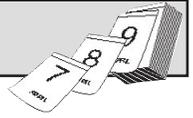
WINTER READING PROGRAM

The New Market Area Library hosted it's annual PJ party for children and their parents as a kick off to the winter reading program. Parents (grandparents or guardians) started off reading together. The library had many books about bedtime, night, pj parties, and more to choose from. Becky Kipps, chair of the library board, then read a book to the group, and after she read, surprise guests appeared! JMU interns dressed as Snow White and Little Red Riding Hood. Before leaving, children were given a bedtime snack to take home, and a book, compliments of the Irvin Magin estate.

Children could also sign up for winter reading during the month of February and received logs and a snuggle buddy with whom to read! Reading logs can be turned in at the Winter Reading celebration on Monday, March 2, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the library. (This celebration has expanded this year to include more than the traditional Dr. Seuss books!)

In addition to the winter program for preschoolers at the New Market Area Library and other libraries in the Shenandoah County system, teachers in county schools up to 5th grade may register their classes for the winter reading program through the Shenandoah County Library (Erica Hepner, children's librarian.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 2020

- 1 **2020 Business License Applications Due**
- 2 Council Committee Meetings (as needed) 6:30 pm
- 2 Joint Public Hearing & Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm

April 2020

- 3 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 4 Annual Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am
- 6 Council Committee Meetings (as needed) 6:30 pm
- 6-10 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 10 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 20 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 24 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

Doug Bradley, Mayor • Peggy Harkness, Vice Mayor
 Larry Bompiani • Peter Hughes • Tim Palmer • Scott Wymer • Daryl Watkins
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

J. Todd Walters <i>Town Manager</i> Chris Rinker <i>Police Chief</i> Teresa Green <i>Town Treasurer</i>	Donna Lohr <i>Administrative Assistant</i> Lindsey Kipps <i>Office Assistant</i> Amber Smoot <i>Events & Marketing Director</i>
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