

## MAYOR'S CORNER

Here we are in February! It feels like Christmas was just yesterday. January was a weather roller coaster ride this year. We enjoyed our first beautiful snowfall of the year. It can be very inconvenient when we have a need to get out and go to work, etc. but truly makes us all slow down a little. There is nothing quite like the beauty of a gentle snowfall. December brought us highs in the 60's and lows in the 20's. I do think that winter is now upon us and we can expect uncertainty each day. I will be the first to say that the warm December weather was welcome!

The children anxiously begin waiting for the spring and summer ball seasons to roll around. We adults begin thinking of golf games, ball games, warmer days, and more hours of daylight to do the things we enjoy outside. However, we can't forget that we are still in the winter months. Remember, to take extra caution when driving in hazardous weather.

How is your New Year's resolution going? We tend to resolve to the old stand-by of exercising more, eating better, and getting more rest. The promise we each make to ourselves seems like it is reasonable and possible. But, the many demands of our everyday busy lives can make it a real challenge to keep the resolution. Hang in there!

February is American Heart Month. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. Although the risk factors can be prevented or

controlled, cardiovascular disease is still the leading cause of death for all Americans. Consider what steps you and your family can take to promote and adopt a heart healthy lifestyle.

As always, please continue to "think local, shop local". A huge "thank you" to those of you who patronized our local businesses these past months during holiday shopping. It is important to keep our money in the community we live in. We have a wide variety of businesses and restaurants to help with everyday home needs and entertaining. Keep this in mind when doing your shopping.

February 14, 2020 is Valentine's Day and is a great time for you and your special someone to enjoy a visit to one of our local vineyards. There are an abundance of vineyards right here in the Shenandoah Valley. It is the sweetest and most romantic holiday of the year. Whether you have a love in your life or not on this Valentine's Day, remember that there is one love that you should always honor this holiday: your own. This holiday doesn't have to be just a day for couples. It's a day about the love and compassion we all appreciate both giving and getting back from others. So, on this day find your way of celebrating with someone or by simply doing something that puts a smile on your face and joy in your heart.

Douglas C. Bradley  
Mayor of New Market

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## 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.



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## 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.

## NEW MARKET AREA LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2020

### Children's Programs:

- Books and Babies-(geared to children age birth to three) Friday, February 7, 2020 at 10:00 am. Theme is Good Night Moon.
- Preschool Story Time- (geared to children age three to five) Friday February 21, 2020 at 10:00 am. Theme is Hearts.

The New Market Area Library will again sponsor a winter reading incentive program for children ages 0-6 during the month of February. (Kick off is a PJ party on Wednesday, January 29; snow date February 5 at 6:30 pm). Pick up a log to record time spent reading during the month of February. Each child who completes a log will receive a free book. The program will culminate with a Winter Reading Celebration March 2, 2020 at 5:00. The Celebration will feature activities, snacks and fun based on favor-ite children's books.

Adult program: February 1, 2020 at 3 pm. - Remembering the Space Shuttle Columbia: Reflections of a NASA Center Director, with Al Diaz, NASA Associate Administrator of Science. The former director of Goddard Space Center will share reflections on the Columbia Space mission and reflections on what went wrong on this 17th anniversary of the mission that ended in a fiery crash and loss of the 7 astronauts on board.

Volunteers are needed for the library, which is an all-volunteer organization. Get an application for being a volunteer at the library; talk to a volunteer who is working, or contact Peg Harkness, Director, at 540-740-8650.



Who: Children ages 4-16  
When: December 1 - February 4  
Where: [www.mjnmittleleague.com](http://www.mjnmittleleague.com)  
Cost: \$55 (Dec. 1 - Jan. 11);  
\$60 (Jan. 12 - Feb. 4);  
Discounts for multiple children

## 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.

## NEW MARKET ROTARY

- February 5, 2019 – A J Garretson – Telephone Forensics
- February 12, 2019 – Abbas Rawoot – Abbas is the owner of two All-state Insurance Agency's Harrisonburg and Luray. Abbas was a professor at JMU. He is a public accountant and a financial advisor. He will be speaking about the new tax law changes effective January 1, 2020.
- February 19, 2020 – Cara Catherine Atkins – Cara will be speaking about the book she has written Coma to College. It is a compelling chronicle of Cara Atkins journey from Severe Traumatic Brain Injury caused by a drunken driver.

### Updates from Rotary:

-At the annual Rotary Christmas Party Peggy Harkness received the Paul Harris Award. This is the highest award given in Rotary. (Picture included here)

-The New Market Rotary will also be sending a Shelter Box to Puerto Rico. A shelter box has provisions along with housing for up to 12 people.



**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 Jeanie, 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 next pool tournament is being scheduled. For dates and further information contact Stanley at 540-379-8510.

The Post is planning on two yard sales this year. 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.

We have had questions as to how Post 166 got its name. Charles Edward Hassler, Jr. was killed while serving in Iraq/Afghanistan, and Harold A. Sutphin was killed while serving in Korea. Both of these soldiers were from the New Market area.

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 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”**

**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.

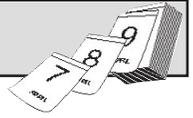
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**WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES**

The onset of the Holidays often brings cold weather and snow right along with it. Whether the storm totals 1” or 12”+, winter weather presents challenges for all of us. Here are a few tips in advance of this winter season:

- **Be prepared:** Predicting weather seems to be a challenge even with advances in 21st century meteorology. With few exceptions winter storms are rarely a total surprise. Winter weather advisories are usually posted days in advance of the storm. Use that time to restock your medications, food and other essentials.
- **Be careful:** It may seem like an overused piece of advice, but when you travel unnecessarily on snow covered roads you put yourself and your vehicle at risk and make clearing roads that much more challenging. For those of you who do have to travel, plan ahead and leave yourself extra time to get to your destination.
- **Be patient:** Removing snow from streets takes time. Storm duration, temperature and sunlight all affect how quickly streets are cleared. Often it's not until the sun returns and day time temperatures exceed 32 degrees that frozen snow and ice on streets can completely be removed.
- **Be helpful:** After the snow has stopped please help keep your neighbors and friends safe by clearing the sidewalk(s) that fronts your property. It's not only the right thing to do; it's also required by town ordinance.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## February 2020

- 3 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 4 Council Committee Meetings (as needed) 6:30 pm
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 **Town Office Closed**  
**in Observance of Presidents Day**
- 18 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm  
(Tuesday instead of Monday)

## March 2020

- 1 **2020 Business License Applications Due**
- 2 Council Committee Meetings (as needed) 6:30 pm
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 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](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com)  
 9418 John Sevier Road • P.O. Box 58 • New Market, VA 22844

### 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 ..... *Town Manager*  
 Chris Rinker ..... *Police Chief*  
 Teresa Green ..... *Town Treasurer*

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

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