

MAYOR'S CORNER

A warm hello to each of you during this wonderful month of May! Of all the months in the year, it seems that May is when we can finally see that summer is coming. I think we can all agree that just being outside in the sunshine is very calming right now and makes us all feel better inside. Stay home, avoid social gatherings, stay connected with others, and practice social distancing at all times.

Due to the state of our nation right now with the COVID-19 pandemic, town events and community events have been placed on hold. Life as we once knew it, is very changed for each of us right now. Many of us are having meetings through teleconferencing. From home schooling to teleworking, we each have an individual change that we are trying to adapt to. My wish for you at this difficult time is that you welcome each day and try to create your own sense of normalcy. Together, we will get through this.

On a lighter note, spring is a time in which we associate cleaning up and organizing. We often clean out our closets and drawers to free ourselves of unwanted items and items we no longer use. Right now, these items may be ways to increase cash flow or help out those who are less fortunate. This is a way to share our items by donating to an organization such as Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc. to assist those who may be in need of your items. Another way to enjoy the spring months, is to grow some houseplants or start seedlings for a garden. Vegetable gardening is a satisfying outdoor event that brings many benefits.

Even though we are in a pandemic, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. As we approach the day, we need to make the day an exceptional one for Mom, Grandma, or that special someone in your life who has been like a mother or grandmother to you. These beautiful people in our lives have made sacrifices beyond measure for us as we grew up. "Mom" does so much for us. We have learned many lessons growing up and we never realize that she is teaching us things that we will all use each day in our everyday life. So, on this special day, make time to create a memorable day for Mom by sending her your warmest and heartfelt messages. You may need to mail a card, use technology to spend some time with her, or leave her a favorite dish on her front porch. If your mom isn't with you any longer take a moment to think of some special moments that make you smile. Our mom holds a place dear and special to our heart and can't be replaced.

The end of May brings us Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering the men and women who died while serving in the country's armed forces. It is also the kick-off to summer. Many of us enjoy a picnic or cookout with family friends. Whatever you do, please try to keep in mind the importance of the day and what it means for each of us. This is a day to honor all who gave their lives in the service of their country in all wars and conflicts.

Stay safe,
Douglas C. Bradley
Mayor of New Market

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.

SHELTER RENTAL 2020

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

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.

THE NEW MARKET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New Market Historical Society has canceled the program scheduled for May 28, 2020 on *Locomotives up the Turnpike*. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

LIBRARY NEWS FOR MAY 2020

As part of the County Library system, New Market Library will remain closed until further notice. Accrual of overdue fines and placing of holds is suspended indefinitely until we are able to re-establish regular hours of service and operation.

All programs for May are canceled. For children, watch the New Market Area Library Facebook page for virtual stories read by some of our volunteers. The New Market Area Library will also share a virtual story time by Erica Hepner, Shenandoah County Library, each Friday on the New Market Area Library Facebook page. Tips for activities that would traditionally be done at story time are being posted on our Facebook page as well. Also, check out the Shenandoah County Library webpage on how to download free books and other resources for children and adults with your library card, <https://countylib.org/>

Limited technical and account support is available by emailing countylib@gmail.com. We are periodically checking phone messages and responding, as we are able. We also monitor and respond to messages on our Facebook page.

Your library card gives you access to a number of wonderful online resources! Here are just a few:

- **Hoopla** has thousands of ebooks, audio books, comics, movies, TV programs and music selections. Just download the Hoopla app or go to hoopladigital.com on your computer. Log in with your library card.
- **RBDigital** is another source for books. It also carries over 50 popular magazines. <https://shenandoahcova.rbdigital.com>
- **Access Newspaper Archives** - Do searches by name in newspaper archives.
- **Career Transitions** - For resumes, career interest surveys, and tips for job hunting.
- **The NY Times** free!
- **Universal Class** has courses on hundreds of subjects.
- **Heritage Quest** for geneology research.
- **Mango Languages**

ROTARY VIRTUAL NO RUN-RUN UP THE CREEK 5K

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to cancel this year's Up the Creek 5K held annually on Memorial Day. In order to make our annual donation to the Community Care and Learning Center and provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Stonewall Jackson High School and Shenandoah Valley Academy graduating senior we have turned the event into a VIRTUAL EVENT. Participants have the opportunity to find a 5K (3.1) mile area of their choosing and walk or run and turn in a picture of their run/walk and their time. Others may just wish to stay at home and donate to this worthwhile cause.

Donations of \$20 and over will receive a unique t-shirt to commemorate this one-time (we hope!) event. To sign up for the run/walk/no run/no walk please go to the Rotary Website at www.newmarketrotaryclub.net. Send all pictures and times of your run/walk/or of you staying home virus free to jdouglas@alaska.edu and we will post them on our website. If you just want to make a donation, you can mail them to New Market Rotary at PO Box 411, New Market, VA 22844. All contributions are greatly appreciated -- all proceeds of this event will go directly to our community. Thank you.

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.

MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK

Watching a movie under the stars is always fun! Join us on selected dates for a FREE movie showing in the New Market Community Park. All movies start at sundown. It is highly encouraged for you to bring chairs/blankets for your viewing comfort.

- **June 27, 2020** – Jumanji: The Next Level
- **July 25, 2020**- Disney Pixar UP
- **August 22, 2020**- Dolittle



6th ANNUAL CROSS ROADS MUSIC FEST

Another great summer of wonderful live entertainment lined up for the communities enjoyment!

Save the dates:

- **June 19th** – Who Shot John
- **July 17th** – Hackens Boys
- **August 14th** – Rewind
- **September 4th** – The Sons of Liberty

All concerts are free admission with food and drink for purchase, and a beer/wine garden. All concerts are held in the New Market Rebel baseball field from 6:30pm-9:00pm.

DID YOU KNOW?

Leaks are expensive!

LEAKS AT SINKS

A leaky faucet represents a problem that will probably only grow worse, and it can cost you money on your water bill. How much water does a leaky faucet actually waste? It may not seem like much, but when added up over a period of time, that leaky faucet's impact can be fairly substantial.

If you let your faucet drip every day, twenty four hours a day, it will add up. In terms of how much water is actually wasted, it is impossible to tell for certain. Every drop of water from a faucet is a different size and falls at a different rate. But, for the most part the water coming from a faucet (according to the US Geological Survey) is between 1/5 and 1/3 of one milliliter. Using those calculations and 1/4 of a milliliter as an average, the USGS estimates that roughly 15,140 drips from a faucet equals one gallon of water.

It may not seem like much, but if your faucet dripped once every second every day, all day, it would only take four and a half hours to reach one gallon. Every day you would waste 5 gallons of water or 2,082 gallons per year. That is 10% of the average water used by a standard 3.5 gpf toilet on a daily basis. Now, imagine what happens if you have more than one drippy faucet, or if your bathtub leaks which will drip more water at a time or if the leak is larger than the average size.

In short, the cost of a leaky faucet may not seem like much, but as time passes, it can really add up and if it is not taken care of, the cost will only grow as the leak gets bigger and potentially new leaks start in other faucets of your home. Do not let it drip forever – take action now and cut down on the environmental impact you have, as well as your bill. (Posted by Boulden Brothers Plumbing Heating and Air, 2019, Retrieved from <https://bouldenbrothers.com/much-water-leaky-faucet-waste/>)

RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED AT THE NEW MARKET COMMUNITY CENTER SITE:

The following materials are accepted for recycling at any of the 15 specially marked collection containers located throughout the County:



1. **Cardboard & Paper:** Newspaper, office paper, magazines, cardboard including cereal boxes.
2. **Aluminum:** Cans, plates, foil, and smaller items.
3. **Tin/Steel cans:** All food cans and containers with tin coating.
4. **Glass:** All colors of glass.
5. **Plastic:** Only plastic numbers 1 and 2 in bottle or jug form.

Note: Please make sure recyclables are cleaned of food and other contaminants. Discounted recycling bins are available at the Landfill office.

See <http://www.shenandoahcountyva.us/landfill/recycling-bins-prices/>

PET WASTE

Pet waste left on the street or lawn does not just go away or fertilize the grass. Rain washes pet waste down storm drains and into waterways like rivers, bays, and beaches. Pet waste also provides a nitrogen source for algae blooms, which deplete the water of oxygen and can make people and animals sick.

The Town of New Market has an ordinance regarding pet waste. Sec. 14-3.1 – Unlawful to allow dogs to defecate on public or private property; exception

- a) No person shall knowingly or willfully allow a dog belonging to him or in his custody to defecate on the private property of other persons without the consent of such persons, or to defecate on public property; except that defecation by a dog on such property shall not constitute a violation of this section if the owner or person in custody of the dog immediately removes the material defecated and disposes of it in a safe and sanitary manner.
- b) Any person violating and foregoing provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor for each violation.

What You Should Do

- **Keep a supply of bags handy**

When walking your pet, take a bag with you for quick waste pick-up.

It helps to keep a supply of bags near your dog leash and to tie the bags on the leash if you don't have a pocket or pack. Consider re-using plastic newspaper bags or bread bags. Use the bag to pick up the waste, and tie it closed. When at home, long-handled pooper-scoopers are available at pet stores make it easy to pick up after pets without stooping over.



- **Dispose of pet waste properly**

Place sealed bags of pet waste in the trash. It may help to double bag dog waste or kitty litter. Do not throw waste near or into storm drains, and do not dump kitty litter outside. Do not flush pet waste down your toilet.

- **Follow local rules and signs**

Some cities and towns have fines for not picking up waste on streets, in parks, or in dog parks.

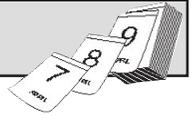
- **Help others remember to scoop the poop**

Don't let your pet pollute, and encourage those around you to be responsible pet owners, too.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2020

- 1 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 4 Council Committee Meetings (as needed) 6:30 pm
- 8 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 18 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 25 Town Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 29 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

June 2020

- 1 Council Committee Meetings (as needed) 6:30 pm
- 5 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 19 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 26 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.
 (540) 740-3432 • www.newmarketvirginia.com
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TOWN COUNCIL

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