

## MAYOR'S CORNER

In former June newsletters, I have said that a lot of changes present themselves to us in June. But actually, a lot of changes have been present since March. Our lives have changed due to an invisible threat to our world, COVID-19.

Usually, by the time we reach the month of June, we are looking forward to ball games, swimming, beaches, and preparing for a needed vacation. Our children and teachers always have their attention on the summer months to relax and enjoy spending time making memories with friends and family. But things have changed now due to a certain level of uncertainty of when and how we will do these things with an invisible warrior upon us. We now need more planning and preparation when thinking of activities with others. One thing is for sure, this downtime has certainly given many of us a clear view of what our everyday lives were before this all happened.

But somehow, even when these days made us anxious and appeared bleak and dark, we seemed to find a way to find the good in a day. Even if it has been just the mere thought of knowing that each day is a gift. We've had more time to think, more time to spend with our children and to get to know them better, be creative in our communications with one another in an effort to remain social, and even become familiar with technology. We can now communicate, connect, and learn through technology. Technology has been a huge asset during this time. Without it, our children would not have been able to talk and visit with one another, our parents wouldn't have learned how to facetime or use the web cam for an evening visit or bedtime story, and we would not have been able to view and experience some of life's gifts. Our fast paced lives got in the way of these precious moments at times. We have learned how to slow down a little and smell the roses...but, for a little longer this time. So, you see, while this has been a very challenging time with the many changes, we have learned creativity and patience in order to survive this dark time. There really have been some good outcomes. I wish each of you and your family good health and safety during this time. Together, we can get through this.

We all know that the saying goes that it takes a village to raise a child. In this case, it is not a child that has been raised, but a community and town that has been rising up in hard times. Towns that work together, pull together, and stand together in the roughest of times prove they are the strongest. In our town, we have watched some of our local businesses figure out how to survive in these hard times by developing new ways to support the community. From outdoor coffee shops, to curbside chicken dinners, to no contact delivery of fresh fruits, vegetables and groceries to your car, etc., this town has not missed a beat. The village behind this "community", is you. "You" are the village that has raised and lifted up your community during this difficult time and for that, I applaud each of you. Thank you for your support in these changing times!

This month celebrates Father's Day. Most think of it as a day to honor Dad but, it is a day to enjoy *time* with Dad and appreciate all he does for you. Life gets so busy for dads and kids. Our dad is the person who cares and provides for us. He is also the man who helps to set the standards, the family values and the example. So, add to this group, step fathers and other men who willingly and eagerly accept and cherish the role. Whether biological, adopted or informally, if they are the father figure to you, give him some recognition on this day.

As my term as mayor of the town comes to an end, I look back at the many accomplishments during these past eight years and it is apparent that each one has truly been a team effort between residents, staff and council members. My personal thanks is extended to you, the residents, for caring about our town. We are so very fortunate to have outstanding town employees and council members who deliver commitment and excellence daily. Because of the efforts and commitment amongst the residents, staff, and council members, New Market remains a great place to live. Best wishes to each of you!

Douglas C. Bradley  
Mayor of New Market

## 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.

## ADJUSTMENT POLICY FOR FILLING SWIMMING POOLS

Swimming pool adjustments will be limited to one (1) adjustment per calendar year per customer. To qualify for this annual adjustment, the customer must submit an Application for Swimming Pool Credit prior to the filling of a swimming pool. In addition, the meter must be read by Town staff before and after the filling of the pool. Customers that are billed for water only or have a water-only meter will not qualify for a pool credit. Splasher pools also known as "kiddie" pools, hot tubs, or spas will not qualify for a pool adjustment. Please contact the Town Office at 540-740-3432 for a copy of the guidelines and an Application for Swimming Pool Credit. Applications are also available on our website at [www.newmarket-virginia.com](http://www.newmarket-virginia.com).

## ACH AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT OF YOUR UTILITY BILL

We know how busy our customers are and how quickly the due date comes around for water/sewer bills. We want to remind citizens that we offer the option of paying their water bill through automatic deduction (ACH) from their bank account each month. This could save writing a check, paying postage, or even a trip to the Town Office. Forms for ACH can be picked up in the Town Office or downloaded from the Residents tab of the Town's website, [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com). Completed forms should be returned to the Town Office. Automatic deductions will be deducted from your bank account around the fifteenth of each month. The amount due on your bill is the amount that will be deducted from your account. If you have questions or want to know more about this service, please call the Town Office at 540-740-3432.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.shenandoahcountytva.us/landfill/recycling-bins-prices/>

## 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

## 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.

## AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN POST 166

The Legion Chicken Bar-B-Q has now started and is being held the 2nd Saturday of each month during the summer season. Cooking starts at 5:00 a.m. with sales beginning at 8:00 a.m. If you have pre-orders scheduled, make sure to pick them up in the Legion parking lot, or 7-Eleven parking lot by 9:00 a.m. This would be very helpful. After that it may be first come, first serve. For further information you can call Commander Tim Palmer at (703) 863-0463 or Vice Commander, Dennis Thompson at 335-5791, or Brian Rinker (540) 325-5016. Extra help is always needed to cook the chicken.

The Legion yard sale, which was scheduled for the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd, has now been re-scheduled for June 19, 20 and 21, 2020. It will be held in the Legion Hall. If you still have items you would like to donate, you can drop them off at the picnic pavilion, or if you need them picked up, you can call Ron Thompson at (540) 296-7901. Also, if you would like to have a booth of your own, you can call Ron for details and prices. There will be hot dogs, half smokes and drinks for sale by the Legion.

If you are a son of a veteran and would like to join the Sons, please call Tim Palmer at (703)863-0463.

Commander Tim urges all veterans to stay in contact with each other by telephone or e-mail during these difficult times.

We have the honor to collect and retire the colors that 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. Please do not leave them in bags or boxes when putting them in the drop box. We shall retire them with the respect they so well deserve.

Please support your Veterans and the Post by signing up a new member. These dues are used to support many Legion projects. We also support programs that benefit so many people and their families in our community.

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

### TRASH PICKUP

Beginning July 1, 2020, garbage pick up will no longer be on Fridays in New Market. Garbage will be picked up every **Wednesday**, beginning July 1, 2020. Garbage must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. additional information will be provided.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

### SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

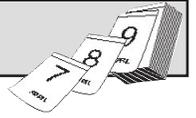
Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris continues every Friday through November. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags and placed curbside by noon. Please visit our town website [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com) or call the town offices at 740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

### NEW MARKET FARMERS MARKET

The New Market Farmer's Market plans to open on Friday, June 5, 2020. Market hours will be Fridays only from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. The Market is located on South Congress Street in New Market, VA in the parking lot behind Jalisco's. The Market will follow the guidance from the Governor which can be found at <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia/#856438>

For information on being a vendor, or if you have other questions, contact Donna Shipp at 540-896-5428 or 540-810-0300 or Sharon Payne at 540-820-6613. Check the New Market Farmer's Market Facebook page for information throughout the season including weather related closings.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## June 2020

- 5 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 Town Council Meeting and  
Public Hearing on Budget 6:30 pm
- 19 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 22 Special Called Meeting 6:30 pm
- 26 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

## July 2020

- 1 Special Called Meeting 6:30 pm
- 2 Lawn and Leaf Pickup (Thursday instead of Friday)
- 3 Town Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 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
- 31 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](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com)  
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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 ..... *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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