

MAYOR'S CORNER

Approximately 3 weeks ago many of us in New Market experienced a severe drop in our water pressure. On that early Monday morning while preparing to go to work I barely had as much as a “trickle” in my shower to complete bathing. This was due to a major waterline break in an 8-inch pipe crossing the golf course. Even as the alarms warned the town employees of the break, it was difficult to find due to the dark of the night and its location on the golf course. The break was so large that our 500,000 – gallon 1960 vintage water reservoir was dropping one foot every 5 minutes. By the light of dawn our employees were able to find the leak and shut the line off before exhausting our water supply. If that wasn't bad enough, the same 8-inch line sprouted two more leaks in the days that followed. Our employees scrambled to repair those structural failures as well as other minor ones so that our citizens could enjoy the convenience of bathing, cooking, washing clothes, and the greatest of all – fighting house fires. Our largest consumer of water, New Market Poultry Products, had to shut down operations for the day which they did at great expense to their company to enable the rest of us to have water!

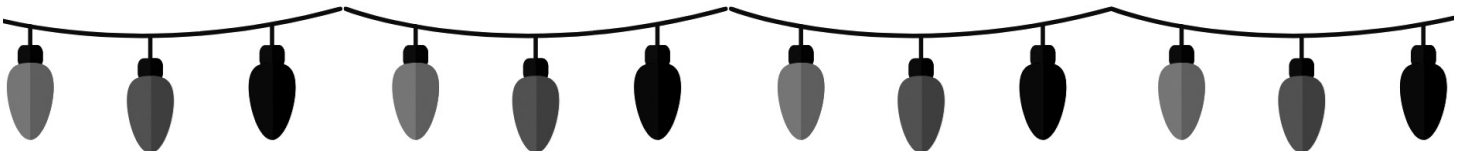
I started my article with this drama because water is so vital to human survival, yet, we take it for granted. The Town of New Market has some of the oldest pipes in the Shenandoah Valley. Fix one

leak today and this increases the water pressure to sprout another leak down the line tomorrow. Over the years the cost saving “patches” only delayed the inevitable need of improving the infrastructure of our water delivery system.

Our engineers have been running water analysis studies over the past three years. They will be providing their recommendations to us before the end of this year. Your town department heads and town council spent a great deal of time discussing this problem over the same period of years. A large portion of our agenda at the six-hour Saturday work session was dedicated to finding the solutions. Very difficult but important decisions need to be made in the upcoming months regarding how to secure our water needs.

As we think of growing our town to include new housing and businesses, we must plan some action for now. We need to supply water consistently to our present businesses and homes which are so important to our community. Through our research we will poll our resources and knowledge together to make a decisive action plan for our town's present needs and future progress.

Larry A. Bompiani
New Market Mayor



May Our Town Be

MERRY & BRIGHT WITH OUR RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING CONTEST

We are encouraging New Market Town Residents to have fun with decorating their homes and enter into the Residential Lighting Contest.

To participate, the resident must reside within the Town limits, and register by 4 PM December 6th, 2020. To register you can go to www.newmarketvirginia.com.

The winner will be announced by December 12th. The winner will receive a gift basket full of local goodies.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Market Library continues to observe Covid precautions for the safety of our volunteers and patrons. We are open now open from 12-7 on Tuesdays and on Fridays from 12-5 for picking up holds. Holds can be made using your library card through the Shenandoah County Library online card catalog. If you do not have a computer or need assistance in placing a hold, call the library at 740-8650 or the county library at 984-8200.

New books from favorite authors are added to our collection each month. New titles are on the shelf from Dean Koontz, Joyce Carol Oates, Tracie Peterson, Karen Kingsbury, John Grisham, VC Andrews, Fannie Flagg, Lisa Jackson, Stuart Woods, and many more. New titles for children, juvenile and young adults are also added regularly.

Our adult lecture series will be taking a temporary hiatus during the winter months. We hope, as health risks decrease, to resume programs in the future.

Miss Erica from the Shenandoah County library is sharing weekly stories and songs. These can be accessed through the county website <https://countylib.org/>. Our own volunteers have been reading and sharing stories on the NM Library Facebook page. Be sure to check it out!

DOS AND DON'TS OF PROPER SHARPS DISPOSAL

- DO immediately place used needles and other sharps in a sharps disposal container to reduce the risk of needle sticks, cuts or punctures from loose sharps.
 - DO use an FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, if possible. If an FDA-cleared container is not available, an empty coffee can, laundry jug or other heavy-duty container can be used.
 - DO follow your community guidelines for getting rid of your sharps disposal container by throwing away with trash instead of recycling.
 - DO ask your health care provider, veterinarian, local hospital or pharmacist
 - o where and how to get an FDA-cleared sharps disposal container,
 - o if they can dispose of your used needles and other sharps, or
 - o if they know of sharps disposal programs near you.
 - DO keep all sharps and sharps disposal containers out of reach of children and pets.
 - DO seal sharps disposal containers when disposing of them, label them properly.
 - DO report a problem associated with sharps and disposal containers.
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- DON'T throw loose needles and other sharps into the trash.
 - DON'T flush needles and other sharps down the toilet.
 - DON'T put needles and other sharps in your recycling bin -- they are not recyclable.
 - DON'T try to remove, bend, break, or recap needles used by another person. This can lead to accidental needle sticks, which may cause serious infections.
 - DON'T attempt to remove the needle without a needle clipper because the needle could fall, fly off, or get lost and injure someone.

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9320 N. CONGRESS STREET
NEW MARKET, VA 22844

NOTICE:

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, our food pantry at MMUMC will be cancelled until further notice. If you are in need of emergency food, please call the church office. The office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at 540-740-8959. Emergency food will be set out for pickup on the food pantry entrance steps on Tuesday's or Thursday's only at 12:30 pm. We will notify the public when we are able to safely resume normal operations. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Thank you!

SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf, grass and other organic yard debris will be held every Friday through November. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags. Please visit our town website www.newmarketvirginia.com or call the town offices at 740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

NEW LOOK; CONTINUED FOCUS

New Market has a fresh new LOOK! After a year of surveys, research, and planning with the branding firm, Mikula-Harris, we are so excited to reveal our rebranding efforts. Branding is not just a logo, but the reputation behind the logo. We will implement the new brand strategy in order to help potential visitors and new businesses arrive at a truthful understanding of what makes the town special.



DID YOU KNOW?

Flushable wipes are not actually flushable and can wreak havoc on your sewer lines and cause major damage to town sewage systems. This could cause sewage back-ups and unnecessary repairs. Please keep all wipes out of the sewer system by disposing of them with household trash.

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.



AMERICAN LEGION HASSLER-SUTPHIN
POST 166 – (540) 740-8653
Ronald Thompson – 540-246-7901

The Legion is now open from 4:00 p.m. until, Tuesday through Friday. For further information, you can call the Legion or e-mail Commander Ronald Thompson, at thomps548@gmail.com. Take-out is available. You can call Jeannie after 4:00 p.m. Facemasks and social distancing are recommended.

The following officers were elected to serve during the 2020-21 year.

- Commander – Ronald Thompson – 540-246-7901
- Vice-Commander – Mitch Chambliss – 703-509-6958
- Adjutant – Stanley Thompson – 540-379-8510
- Chaplain – Wilmer Olinger – 540-740-8976

Steak suppers are held on the 1st Friday and shrimp suppers are held on the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 5:00 pm. These suppers are open to the public and are held in the clubroom.

November 11th is Veterans Day. Commander Ron Thompson is scheduling a free dinner for all veterans in the club room from 4:30 p.m. until. For more information, you can call him or e-mail him.

If you are a veteran and have e-mail, please let Commander Thompson know, so you can receive the latest Legion updates.

The commander is also scheduling another yard sale for later in the year. If you still have some items you would like to donate you can drop them off at the Legion picnic pavilion, or call the Commander for pick-up.

All veterans honorably discharged after December, 1941 and Sons of a veteran, are now eligible to join the Legion. You can contact Tim Palmer at 703-863-0463 or Adjutant Stanley Thompson, for more information. Also, if you are a family member of a veteran, you can join the Auxiliary.

The Legion's meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome, even Auxiliary members.

The dinner menu for Friday, November 13th is Spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread, and Friday, November 27th is Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and coleslaw.

The Legion is planning on selling Turner ham sandwiches in early December. If you would like to have some sandwiches, call the Commander for pre-orders.

Let us schedule your party, meetings, reunions, receptions, banquet or other events in our social hall, located at 202 E. Old Cross Rd. Contact Commander Thompson at 540-246-7901, or the Post after 4:30 p.m., Tuesday Through Friday.

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”

**MAINTAIN ACCESS
TO YOUR WATER METER**

It is very important that customers maintain clear access to their water meters from the public right-of-way. Obstacles that may block the radio signals include building materials, foliage and metal objects located between the street and the meter pit.

All town water customers are responsible for the upkeep of the area between their meter pit and the street. Please assist us by trimming foliage and by clearing snow and ice from the lid of the meter pit. Landscaping or fencing should be kept at least 1-3 feet from the meter pit.

Maintain access to your water meter to assist us with:

- Meter Reading
- Emergency shutoffs (for frozen pipes) when you are away from home or are unable to turn off the water yourself; and
- Emergency water meter maintenance.

FARMERS MARKET

The New Market Farmer's Market usually closes at the end of October, but this year has decided to extend the season through the end of 2020. The Market has regular vendors and welcomes new ones at any time. The Market is open Friday from noon to 4 pm each week.

Contact Donna at 540-810-0300 or Sharon at 540-820-6613 for more information! Some of the items being sold each week include breads, baked goods, snacks, fresh produce, jewelry, canned goods (salsa, pickles, preserves, jams, jellies, and more).

Check the New Market Farmer's Market Facebook page each Friday to be sure there is not a cancellation for bad weather! Otherwise, come out to the Farmer's Market each Friday from noon to 4 pm though the end of the year!

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE CHANGES

Thanksgiving Week –

Friday 11/27/2020 pickup will occur on Saturday 11/28/2020

Christmas Week –

Friday 12/25/2020 pickup will occur on Saturday 12/26/2020

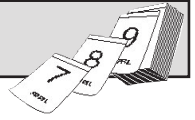
New Years Day –

Friday 1/1/2021 pickup will occur on Saturday 1/2/2021

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 2020

- 3 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Election Day**
- 6 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 11 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day**
- 13 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 26-27 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving**

December 2020

- 4 Lawn and Leaf Pickup (Final Pickup)
- 5 'Tis the Season
- 7 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 21 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 24-25 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Christmas**

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
 9418 John Sevier Road • P.O. Box 58 • New Market, VA 22844

TOWN COUNCIL

Larry Bompiani, Mayor • Peggy Harkness, Vice Mayor
 Scott Wymer • Doug Bradley • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah
 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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