

MAYOR'S CORNER

In last month's newsletter, I voiced my frustrations about our streets and sidewalks. I am not alone with these sentiments as many citizens have conveyed their concerns on this subject to me since I have been on council. During the Christmas holidays, I heard from a motorist who nearly hit a pedestrian walking on Clicks Lane. It was dusk, and the person walking on the pavement was not wearing any reflective clothing nor carrying any kind of lighting. At the same time, the driver was enjoying the Christmas lights when the driver had to swerve to miss the walker. Now, I realize there was contributory negligence on behalf of both parties; however, lives could have been instantly altered forever! No matter who would have received the blame, we, as town citizens, need to work at the safety aspect of what could help us to avoid these tragic situations.

Route 211 East from Congress Street to Dollar General is another "accident waiting to happen". Young parents pushing infants in strollers; geriatric citizens walking with canes, walkers, or riding electric wheelchairs; shoppers pulling their cart or wagon full of groceries; all of these having to use the road as their walkway while 18-wheelers and dump trucks are within inches of our citizens sharing the same pavement. This must not be allowed to continue! Your Town Council knows this, and together with our Town Manager, ordered a feasibility study to be performed concerning sidewalks in New Market.

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Weighing multiple factors from the study, we chose the sidewalk project on 211 as our initial project. Does \$450,000 shock you? Well, join the crowd! Knowing that we could not afford this "project of safety" by ourselves, our Town Manager applied for a matching grant from VDOT. The Town did receive notification that funding would be granted for the 50% match, but due to COVID-19 and state budget constraints, the funds will not be available until 2025. The Town hopes this money may become available sooner for this project.

Clicks Lane's sidewalk project was four times the cost of the 211 sidewalks. I hope that we can find a developer to purchase the 100 acres on the south side of the road. If so, we could work as a joint effort to install walkways, thereby saving our citizens tax dollars.

The expense of running even a small town like ours is shared by its citizens. Our town's infrastructure is getting older and the cost to repair and replace will fall upon us! It is one of the main reasons we need managed growth of New Market. As the population grows, the cost per household decreases. Thomas Edison stated "We shall have no better conditions in the future if we are satisfied with all those which we have at present." We can improve our future!

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 can-

not 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.

LIBRARY NEWS FOR MARCH

Children's Programming:

We continue to share story times virtually. Check the FB page for stories from Ms. Erica at Shenandoah County Library, our own volunteers, and most recently from Joseph Spory and the National Honor Society members at Stonewall Jackson High School, and Jonathan Middleton and his Child Care class at Triplett Tech. A virtual celebration is being planned to celebrate Read Across America Day in March. Watch the New Market Area Library Facebook page and local newspapers for more details.

March is National Nutrition Month! You will find a wide selection of cookbooks and resources on healthy eating at the library. Here are just a few: The Complete Diabetes Cookbook, New Healthy Eating Cookbook by Jeanne Besser, Gordon Ramsay's Healthy, Lean & Fit: Mouthwatering Recipes to Fuel You for Life, The How Not to Die Cookbook: 100+ recipes to help prevent and reverse disease, by Greger, Michael.

For kids: Are You What You Eat?: [a guide to what's on your plate and why!] DK, Cool Kids Cook: Fresh & Fit by Kid Chef Eliana

New Market Library continues to observe Covid precautions for the safety of our volunteers and patrons. We are hoping to increase services as Covid numbers decrease. Open hours are from 12-5 on Tuesdays and Fridays 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. Although the New Market Area Library is not yet open for computer use, the Shenandoah County Library at Edinburg is offering computer use by appointment. Check the county library webpage at countylib.org for more information.

TEMPORARY SIGN REMOVAL

The following is our town's ordinance for temporary signs, which includes political signage. While sign permits are not required for these signs, there is a time limit on how long these signs can remain on your property. Please note that the duration is 60 days. As it is now past the 60-day limit, please take the time to remove signs from your buildings and/or yards.

A full listing of regulations pertaining to signs can be found in Section 70-152 of the Zoning Ordinance.

<https://www.newmarketvirginia.com/businesses/zoningsign-permits/>

(d.) Sign Permit Not Required

The following Signs are allowed in any zoning district without a sign permit. The number and area allowed under this subsection shall not be included when calculating limitations on the number and area of Signs under other subsections:

[...]

6. Window Signs.

7. Minor Signs, subject to the following restrictions per Location:

Maximum Number	Maximum Sign Area	Maximum Height
2 per street frontage	2 sq. ft. per sign	6ft.

8. Temporary Signs, subject to the following restrictions per Location. These Temporary Signs are in addition to the Temporary Signs allowed by subsections (d)(9), (d)(10), and (d)(11):

Total Sign Area	Maximum Height	Duration
24 sq. ft.	6 ft. for Residential Uses, 8 ft. for Non-Residential Uses	Residential Uses — 60 days, twice per year Non-Residential Uses — 60 consecutive or nonconsecutive days per year

HASSLER-SUTPHIN POST 166

(540) 740-8653

Ronald Thompson – 540-246-7901 – thomps548@g.mail.com

The Legion is now open 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. Beef Bar-B-Que sandwiches have now been added to the weekly menu. Call in orders are available for all meals. You can call Jeannie after 4:30 p.m. Facemasks and social distancing are recommended.

The Legion officers for the year of 2020-21 are Commander – Ronald Thompson- 540-246-7901; Vice Commander – Mitch Chambliss – 703-509-6958; Treasurer- Mike Davis-540-740-8754; Adjutant- Stanley Thompson – 540-379-8510; Wilmer Olinger – 540-740-8976.

March Friday Night Dinner Specials:

5th – Steak Ribeye (10-12oz) Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, and Dessert

12th – Spaghetti with sauce or with meatballs, includes Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert

19th – Shrimp: 24-26 Shrimp, French Fries, Coleslaw, Dessert

26th – Meatloaf w/ Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert and Roll

Upcoming events for March and April are being planned. We anticipate we will be selling Turner Ham, roast beef, and tenderloin sandwiches in March.

The Legion BBQ chicken sales will start on 2nd Saturday in April, as usual. Also, we would like to thank Brian Rinker for getting the supplies together. If you have any questions or pre-orders you can call Brian at 540-325-5016.

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

The Legion is trying to schedule an 8-ball pool tournament the last Saturday in March. For further information and complete details, you can call Stanley Thompson or e-mail him at BarbaraT213@gmail.com.

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.

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 that have served us for many years. We shall retire them with the respect they so well deserve, so if you have an old worn or torn flag, please use 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 in the drop box.

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HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items from April 5th through April 9th, 2021. Please place all heavy trash curbside. Crews will not go onto private property to make collections. This service is provided to our residential customers only. Crews will pick up trash by item type during the week and will have all trash picked up by the end of the day on Friday, April 9th, 2021. Brush and limbs must be tied in bundles no longer than four feet in length. To ensure removal, all heavy trash should be placed curbside no later than Friday, April 9th, 2021 by 12:00 noon. Due to State laws governing the operation of the Shenandoah County Landfill, the Town is unable to remove old TVs, computers, tires, refrigerators, freezers, lead acid batteries, or hazardous materials such as pesticides, herbicides, paint, paint thinner, etc. For instruction on where to take the aforementioned items, you may call the Shenandoah County Landfill at 540-984-8573. Thank you for your cooperation.

SHELTER RENTAL 2021

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

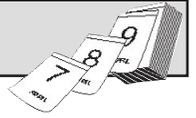
POOL STAFF NEEDED

The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2021 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 29, 2021. 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., Friday, April 23, 2021.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 2021

1	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
1	2021 Business License Applications Due	
15	Water/Sewer Bills Due	
15	Town Council Meeting	6:30 pm
27	Easter Egg Hunt	9 am

April 2021

2	Lawn and Leaf Pickup	
5-9	Heavy Trash Pickup	
9	Lawn and Leaf Pickup	
15	Water/Sewer Bills Due	
16	Lawn and Leaf Pickup	
19	Town Council Meeting	6:30 pm
23	Lawn and Leaf Pickup	
30	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

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 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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