

## MAYOR'S CORNER

The year was 1974. The median household income was \$11,100.00. The average cost for a new car was \$4,441.00. A gallon of milk sold for \$1.39. The #1 song was "The Way We Were" by Barbara Streisand. "The Sting" won 7 academy Awards including Best Picture and Richard Milhous Nixon was president. (At least until he had to resign in August of that year) As for me? I was a junior in high school working evenings and weekends at Kopacka's Exxon pumping gas. I was paid minimum wage which at that time was \$2.00/hour. Having no other skill set I was happy to receive that amount.

Fast forward to May 1st of this year and the federal government elevated the minimum wage to \$9.50/hr. Next January it goes up to \$11.00/hr and by January of 2023 it jumps to \$12.00. By 2025 the wage will be at \$13.50/hr and finally on January 2026 a worker making minimum wage will receive \$15.00 each hour. Why do I bring this information to your attention? Primarily because it will affect all of us eventually. Let me explain.

Since I was elected mayor last July I have intended to keep you apprised of New Market's goals seen through the eyes of your council. Not just establishing our objectives but what we have to do to achieve them. Well, the recently passed law increasing the hourly

minimum wage has injected an unplanned item on our list.

I am well aware of the economic meaning of the statement that "a rising tide raises all boats". However, in this case it will result in higher wages for ALL employees. The employer has to raise the pay of his/her skilled laborers at least the same percentage as the rise in minimum wage in an attempt to be fair. Well, where does the employer find this extra revenue? They either have to raise the price for their service or the product they produce. So, in the end, it is the consumer that will pay for the increase of wages.

As I write this column, our town manager is reviewing our budget trying to find the extra money to pay for this federally mandated raise in minimum wage. Not just for this year but for 2022, 2023, 2025 and 2026. Who pays for these rising expenses? Yep, you and I, the tax paying citizen. This is just another reason why we need to grow the population of our town. More households mean more citizens to share these costs. More citizens will attract a greater number of businesses and together we can overcome this issue and the many more that lay ahead.

Mayor Larry A. Bompiani

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

Weather permitting, the Town of New Market will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the community in June. Some of this activity may occur at night. The hydrant flushing could cause some temporary discoloration of the water; however, the water is safe for consumption. To clear the water, a cold tap should be turned on and allowed to run until it clears. The water should also be checked for discoloration before running it into the washing machine. Periods of low pressure may be experienced during the hydrant flushing. The Water Department has asked that residents, especially drivers, take extra care during this time and take into account the possibility of water on the roadways. The purpose of hydrant flushing is to clean the water mains and to check the mechanical condition and reliability of the fire hydrants and available water pressures for fire fighting purposes. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at (540) 740-3432, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## SCOUTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Come join us at our Scouting With the Community event held at New Market Community Park on June 12th from 4-6pm. Meet the leaders and have some fun. Free food, Music, Games and Prizes for children ages 5 to 18! Contact Dianna Siever at (540)560-2880 for questions or to learn more.

## INDEPENDANCE DAY CELEBRATION

We are gearing up for a fun evening of live music, food, activities and FIREWORKS in New Market! Join us in the New Market Community Park on July 5, 2021 from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm to celebrate Independence Day. The fireworks show will start roughly at 9:20pm. Bring your chairs/blankets for viewing comfort. Parking will be at the New Market Fire Department.

Date: July 5, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm-9:00 pm and fireworks at 9:20pm

Where: New Market Community Park

Admission Cost: FREE

## MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK

Join us in the New Market Community Park for our Movie Night in the Park! We will be showing the classic GREASE, which makes for a great date night movie, or for a fun family sing along. We encourage all attendees to bring chairs/blankets/snacks for their viewing comfort.

Movie sponsored by Shenandoah Place Assisted Living, located here in New Market.

Date: June 26, 2021

Time: Sundown (approx. 8:30 pm)

Where: New Market Community Park

Admission Cost: FREE

### Movie Nights



In the Park

## 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.

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## 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.



## CROSS ROADS MUSIC FEST SUMMER SERIES

Whoo-hoo, we are celebrating our 7th annual Cross Roads Music Fest summer series! Join us for a family fun evening with the musical talents of the Thieves of Burden band (sponsored by PRIMIS). You can also enjoy food from attending food trucks, and brews with our beer/wine garden.

Date: June 11, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

Where: New Market Rebel Park

Admission Cost: FREE

(food/drinks available for purchase)

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## 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/>.*

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## 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

## HASSLER-SUTPHIN

POST 166 – (540) 740-8653

Ronald Thompson – 540-246-7901 – [thomps548@gmail.com](mailto:thomps548@gmail.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](mailto:thomps548@gmail.com). Call in orders are available for all meals. You can call Jeannie after 4:30 p.m. Facemasks and social distancing are recommended.

Due to vacations, dates have been changed for the following:

### June Friday Night Dinner Specials

- 11th- Steak Ribeye (10-12oz) Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, and Dessert
- 8th – Shrimp: 24-26 Shrimp. French Fries, Coleslaw, Dessert
- 25th- Meatloaf w/Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert and Roll

The Legion BBQ chicken will be held on June 19th. Extra help is always needed for preparing the chicken. Sales will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will be sold at the Post Home and the parking lot at 7-Eleven. If you have pre-orders scheduled, make sure to pick them up at the Legion Parking lot, or 7-Eleven parking lot by 9 a.m. After that it may be first come, first serve. For all pre-orders call Brian Rinker (540) 325-5016, or Commander Thompson.

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 which 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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## 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.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com).

## 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.

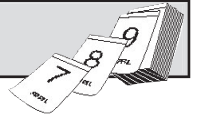
- **Help others remember to scoop the poop**

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.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## June 2021

- 4 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 5 First Half Tax Bills Due**
- 11 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 11 Crossroads Music Fest at Rebel Park - 6:30-9:00 pm  
Thieves of Burden
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 18 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 21 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 25 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

## July 2021

- 2 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 5 Town Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day**
- 5 Independence Day Celebration 5:00-9:00 pm
- 9 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Crossroads Music Fest at Rebel Park - Rewind 6:30-9:00 pm
- 19 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 24 Movie Night in the Park at sundown (approx. 8:25pm)
- 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.  
 (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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