

MAYOR'S CORNER

This past month marked the 160th anniversary of the Battle of New Market. I was humbled by VMI's invitation for me to address the descendants of the Bushong family. Jacob and Sarah's house was the epicenter of the battle where the Cadets of VMI made their valiant stance against the union army. To this day, the Bushong home and farm remind us how suddenly a family's life can be turned into a nightmare. However, at the same time, their homestead continues to this day to enlighten all of us as to the heroic acts of teenage "soldiers." If you haven't taken a tour of the Museum and Battlefield, I encourage you to do so in the near future.

While my wife and I viewed the many live exhibits that day, we had an opportunity to talk to many of the tourists present. Afterwards, she and I discussed the many attractions that New Market has in our back yard that tourists come to see. The obvious is our beautiful Valley cradled by the mountains both east and west. If you have a valley then there must be a river to drain the excess water and we are

blessed with one of the most famous rivers in the USA. The north and south forks of the Shenandoah River are home to many that love to kayak, canoe and fish. Add to this our many campgrounds, RV parks and Caverns. Also, let us not overlook Shenvallee Golf Course, Southern Kitchen, Jackson's Corner Cafe, and Jon Henry's General Store. Each of these have established themselves as destinations for travelers.

This month's article is to remind all of us how fortunate we are to live where others want to travel and enjoy what you and I experience every day! Take time to "stop and smell OUR roses" and, at the same time, thank those that provide the attractions, including our creator. Furthermore, patronize the businesses I mentioned along with the rest of our local stores, which includes the recently reopened Subway and Exxon that has new ownership. Together we are the "fibers" that make New Market worth stopping to see.

Larry A. Bompiani
New Market Mayor

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. **We no longer offer credit/debit card deductions.** 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. Completed forms should be returned to the Town Office. Automatic deductions will be deducted from your bank account on the fifteenth of each month unless it falls on a weekend or holiday; then it will be deducted on the next business day. 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.

ONLINE PAYMENT COMING SOON!

The Town of New Market will soon begin accepting online payments for those customers who prefer the convenience of paying electronically with their debit/credit card. There will be a small service fee associated with making payments online. The Town will not profit from this fee.

Other payment options available to customers at no charge include in person via cash, check, money order or debit/credit card; by mail; or by depositing payment in the drop box located to the right of the entrance to the Town Office. In addition, water/sewer/trash customers can make payment through automatic monthly deductions from their bank account. Forms are available on our website or at the Town Office.

More information regarding the online payment process will be forthcoming. Please check our website at www.newmarketvirginia.com for updates.

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY FARM IMMANUEL'S GROUND HAS REOPENED

PYO Strawberries 8-12 Pm Monday- Th and most Sundays. Also 3-5pm Tuesdays is pur special market time when we will have all the produce available for sale.

In addition to strawberries we currently have lettuce, broccoli, kale, collards, cabbage and flowers.

Check us at on Facebook at Immanuel's Ground the SVA Farm

LIBRARY NEWS

Adventure Begins at your Library! Summer programs are scheduled for each Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. June 5-July 24th. There will not be a program July 3rd.

June 5th-Kickoff! Adventures With Rhythm, Michael Deaton

June 12th-Adventures in the Garden, Master Gardeners

June 19th-Adventures of the Lost Treasure, Talewise Science

June 26th-Adventures at Rebel Park, Reading with the Rebels

July 10th-Adventure with Bees, Joe and Barb Haller

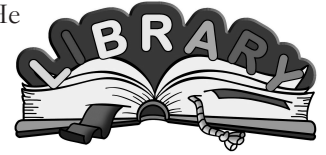
July 17th-Adventures with Art, Dawn Murray

July 24th-Adventures in Space, Captain Curiosity

Beginning June 5, families can pick up reading logs to keep record of time spent reading. Bring in logs each week to win prizes. A bigger prize can be won when logs are completed.

Attention teens and adults! You can also read for rewards this summer. Stop by the library for information.

Adult Library Program, June 23rd at 2:00, **“Artist Blacksmithing: a career for the 21st Century”** Our speaker will be local craftsman and blacksmith, Drew Alexander. He will talk about the history of blacksmithing and how it has evolved in modern times.



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 all on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

The next food pantry pick up is Thursday, June 20, 2024.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can have chickens in town? Yes you can! There are stipulations, of course. Read the following ordinance to understand what is and isn't allowed.

(j.) Chickens:

1. The keeping of no more than six (6) chickens is allowed as an accessory use on a property on which the principal use is a residential dwelling.
2. No roosters shall be allowed.
3. Must be in a coop sized no less than four (4) square feet per chicken; chickens cannot run free.
4. All coops and any other structures must (i) meet accessory structure setbacks and (ii) be located behind the residence
5. The area where the chickens are kept must be cleaned and made free of waste on a regular basis and must be disposed on in a timely manner in an effort to effectively eliminates odor problems and insects related to use.
6. Eggs and meat cannot be sold.
7. The slaughtering of chickens is not allowed.
8. Chickens shall not be permitted on any parcel of land that is within five hundred (500) feet of any poultry processing plant, poultry hatchery, poultry feed mill, poultry truck lot, poultry farm, or from property where facilities are operated by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. If any portion of a parcel is located in the prohibited five hundred (500) feet area described above, no chickens shall be kept on that entire parcel.
9. A zoning permit is required for the keeping of chickens



CROSSROADS MUSIC FEST 2024

Join us as we kick off the summer with our first concert of our 10th annual CRMF concert series. All concerts will be held at the Rebel Baseball Park and highlight musical talent and offer a relaxing evening. Bring chairs/blankets for comfort. Food and beverages available for purchase, and a beer/wine garden.

Performing: Souled Out

Date: June 21, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

Where: Rebel Baseball Park

Time: 6:30p-9:00p

Where: Rebel Baseball Park

Admission: FREE

SHELTER RENTAL 2024

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

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Town of New Market

INTRODUCTION

This Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2023 is designed to provide you with valuable information about your drinking water quality. We are committed to providing you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and we want you to understand the efforts we make to protect your water supply. The quality of your drinking water meets all state and federal requirements administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

If you have questions about this report, want additional information about any aspect of your drinking water, or want to know how to participate in decisions that may affect the quality of your drinking water, please contact:

Mr. John Griggs, Chief Operator at 540-740-9576

You can obtain additional information by from the Town Council meetings held at 6:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month in the Town Council Chambers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Substances (referred to as contaminants) in source water may come from septic systems, discharges from domestic or industrial wastewater treatment facilities, agricultural and farming activities, urban storm water runoff, residential uses, and many other types of activities. Water from surface sources is treated to make it drinkable while groundwater may or may not have any treatment.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or by visiting their website at EPA.gov.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

SOURCES AND TREATMENT OF YOUR DRINKING WATER

Your drinking water came from groundwater and groundwater under the influence of surface water obtained from six drilled wells. Water is distributed throughout Town by a booster pump station, one storage tank, and variously sized distribution piping.

Treatment of Wells 1 and 6 consists of chlorination. As water is pumped from the wells, a chlorine solution is injected into combined well discharge line to disinfect the water prior to distribution. Treatment of Wells 2, 4, 8, and the Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) Well consist of membrane filtration and chlorination. Water pumped from the wells passes through a basket strainer to pretreat the water prior to membrane filtration and chlorination. The membrane filtration eliminates turbidity and bacteria from the water while chlorination is used to disinfect the water prior to distribution.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENTS

A source water assessment for the Town of New Market was completed by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). This assessment determined that the Town's water sources may be susceptible to contamination because they are groundwater or surface influenced groundwater exposed to a wide array of contaminants at varying concentrations. Changing hydrologic, hydraulic, and atmospheric conditions promote migration of contaminants from land use activities of concern within the assessment area. More specific information may be obtained by contacting the water system representative referenced within this report.

DEFINITIONS

In the table and elsewhere in this report you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. The following definitions are provided to help you better understand these terms:

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 Assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 Assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E-coli MCL violation has occurred and / or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Non-detects (ND): Lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$): One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L): One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Variations and exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Turbidity ¹								
Contaminant / Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Found	Lowest Monthly % <0.3 NTU	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination	
Turbidity NTU	NA	TT ²	0.118	100%	No	Daily, Rt 211 WTP	Soil Runoff	
¹ Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of our water quality and the effectiveness of the filtration process. ² Turbidity TT = 1 NTU Max; ≤ 0.3 NTU in at least 95% of all samples tested.								
Inorganic Contaminants								
Contaminant / Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Violation	Date of Sample		Typical Source of Contamination
			Rt. 211 WTP	Well 1/6		Rt. 211 Plant	Well 1/6	
Barium ppm	2	2	0.025	0.022	No	2023	2022	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate ppm	10	10	3.92	4.52	No	2023	2023	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium* ppm	-	-	5.5	8.15	NA	2023	2022	Erosion of natural deposits; de-icing salt runoff; water softeners
*There is presently no established standard for sodium in drinking water. An EPA advisory recommends water containing 30 to 60 mg/L should not be used as drinking water due to esthetics such as taste and color. Water containing more than 20 mg/L should not be used by persons whose physician has placed them on severely restricted sodium diets.								
Radiological Contaminants								
Contaminant / Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Violation	Date of Sample		Typical Source of Contamination
			Rt. 211 Plant	Well 1/6		Rt. 211 Plant	Well 1/6	
Beta emitters pCi/L	0	50*	2.2	1.6	No	2016	2017	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Alpha emitters pCi/L	0	15	<0.39	<0.44	No	2016	2017	Erosion of natural matter
Radium	0	5	<0.5	<0.5	No	2016	2017	Erosion of natural matter
*The MCL for beta particles is 4 mrem/yr. EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles								
Lead and Copper								
Contaminant / Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	90 th Percentile; # Samples > AL	AL Exceedance		Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination	
Lead ppb	0	AL=15	< 2 no samples exceeded the AL.	No		2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Copper ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	0.0844 no samples exceeded the AL.	No		2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Disinfection Byproducts								
Contaminant/Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Found (Range)	Violation		Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination	
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) ppb	NA	60	ND – 1.5	No		Quarterly 2023	By-product of drinking water disinfection	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) ppb	NA	80	0.7– 3.0	No		Quarterly 2023	By-product of drinking water disinfection	

Lead Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of New Market is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on the lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Sodium Information

There is presently no established standard for sodium in drinking water. An EPA advisory recommends water containing 30 to 60 mg/L should not be used as drinking water due to esthetics such as taste and color. Water containing more than 20 mg/L should not be used by persons whose physician has placed them on severely restricted sodium diets.

Violation Information

We are in full compliance with all water quality, monitoring, and reporting requirements, and no violations occurred during the calendar year 2023.

The waterworks owners prepared this Drinking Water Quality Report with the assistance and approval of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). Please call if you have questions.

Signature:  Date: 04/23/2024

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Date: Wednesday, July 5th, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Location: New Market Community Park

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Come join us for our Independence Day Celebration! Food trucks, games, live entertainment by Prime, and FIREWORKS at 9:20 p.m.

Brought to you by the Town of New Market, New Market Independence Day Celebration Committee, and several sponsors.

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.

NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

Summer is here. We hope everyone is enjoying the weather. For the month of April, our crews ran a total of 129 calls. Of those calls, 85 were for EMS services and 44 calls for Fire Service with 71 of these calls within town limits.

Upcoming events:

- June 8th- Summer Gun Bash - Tickets are still available. Cost is \$100 a ticket with the chance to win a Henry Gun. Doors open at 4:00 pm Drawing starts at 5pm and Dinner is at 6:00 pm
- June 15th- Bingo. Doors open at 4:30 pm Games start at 6:30 pm. Come play Bingo and get your dinner also. We have a Dinner special along with others items on the menu to choose from.

We are always looking to add to our membership, whether volunteering to run calls or help with fundraisers. Stop by our station and see a member.

For more information on our events: Find us on Facebook at New Market Fire and Rescue then like and follow our page.

Thank you for your continued support to our department!

YARD SALES

As summer 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 2024

Enjoy a movie under the stars in the New Market Community Park!

Beginning in May, there will be movies offered once a month through October, with no movie playing in July.

Bring chairs/blankets/snacks for your viewing comfort.

Showing: Mamma Mia

Date: June 15, 2024

Sundown: approx. 8:45 pm

Cost: FREE

Sponsored by: Sheila Hall Realtor with Coldwell Banker Premier



YOU ARE INVITED!

WHERE: Reformation Lutheran Church
9283 Congress St.

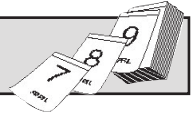
What: Home Cooked Lunch and Fellowship

When: 11:00 am (First Thursday of every Month)

Everyone is welcome! Please come!

Freewill offering/donations accepted

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 2024

- 5 First Half Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due
- 7 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 14 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 15 Movie Night in the Park (sundown approx. 8:40pm)
- 19 Town Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- 20 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 21 Cross Roads Music Fest New Market Park 6:30-9:00pm
- 28 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

July 2024

- 4 Town Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 5 Independence Day Celebration
- 5 Lawn and Leaf
- 12 Lawn and Leaf
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 15 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 19 Lawn and Leaf
- 26 Lawn and Leaf

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)

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