

MAYOR'S CORNER

For a small town, New Market offers an impressive number of events to serve its residents. Today I am highlighting the activities scheduled from May through July. You may have already missed the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Community Park. Around 200 children ran and searched for eggs on the lawn at the park. Parents waited for their children to return and open the eggs and collect a prize. Then parents wondered if the sugar surge would last for the morning!

Mark your calendars for the warmer weather activities planned from May-July! Our Events and Marketing Planner, Savannah Frazier, has planned a banner year:

Jammin' Food Fest is scheduled for May 17 in the Community Park. There will be live music throughout the day, food trucks and a beer/wine garden for the hungry or thirsty.

Bring a blanket or two to the park for our *Movies in the Park* series. ***Moana 2*** is being shown on May 31, and ***Cruella*** is scheduled to be shown on June 28.

Our first *Cross Roads Music Fest* event will be on June 13 in Rebel Park. The Cross Roads Music Fest features live music, food trucks, and beer and wine will be available for purchase.

The New Market Independence Day Celebration Committee has been meeting to plan the events

scheduled for July 5 from 5:00 p.m.-9:30p.m. Activities are planned for all ages. New activities this year, will include games for children, clowns with their balloons, face painting, a "bubble attraction," and a petting zoo for younger children. **If we have enough volunteers**, we are making efforts to arrange for a radar gun for "pitchers" and a photobooth/photoactivity. Live music will be performed through the evening, food trucks will serve your favorite foods, and the day will be capped off by spectacular fireworks launched from the hill across the highway.

An event this size has many moving parts and requires volunteers to help. If you are willing to volunteer for part of this event, please call the Town Office and leave your name and phone number with the staff. (540)740-3432.

On July 17, a ***Block Party*** will be held in the parking lot downtown. There will be music, yard games and food will be available for purchase.

Please plan to attend these events when you are available in May-July 2025.

These events are free!

Peter Hughes

Mayor



LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY



Loaves and Fishes food pantry is 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.
Next food pantry is Thursday, May 16, 2025.

JAMMIN' FOODS FEST

Mark those calendars!! New Market's annual food truck fest is BACK!

Held in the New Market Community Park, there will be a selection of food trucks, live music, vendors, and fun things for the kids to do.

Live Entertainment by: Girl Meets Boy at 4:00 p.m. & Every Day People at 6:30 p.m.

Date: May 17th, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: New Market Community Park

Admission cost: FREE

LIBRARY NEWS

The following programs for children are scheduled for May:

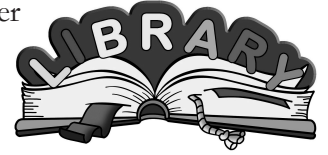
- May 7th, 10:00 am.-Books and Babies, a lap sit time for children ages 0-3 and their caregivers. We will be sharing books, songs, rhythm and play all about Garden Time!
- May 16th, 10:00 am.-Preschool Story Time for children ages 3-5. This month's program we will be "Celebrating Memorial Day."

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 4th, which is kickoff day for our Summer Reading

Program! This year's theme is Color Our World and will feature programs with art, music, plants, baseball,

Keva planks, STEM activities and more. Families can sign up for the reading incentive program that day as well.

Adult Program Series-Sunday, May 18th at 2:00 pm. "Historic Court Manor-A Shenandoah Valley Gem." Our speaker, Dave Yutzy, current owner of Court Manor, will share what connects the storyline from King George II of England, Dr. Kilmer's Cure-all Swamp Root, Derby Winners, Exterminator and Reigh Count, 10,000 Silver Maple Trees, Zoorama, a hippy commune, prize-winning Angus Cattle, and a first-class wedding venue!



NEW MARKET LIGHTNING SWIM TEAM INFORMATION

Registration is now open for the New Market Lightning Swim Team's summer season! Open to swimmers ages 4-18 who can independently swim, our team offers a fun, supportive environment to build swimming skills, stay active, and make lasting friendships. The season runs from May 30 through July 10, with practices held Monday through Thursday at the New Market Pool. Joining the Lightning means more than just swimming—it's about team spirit, confidence, and summer memories. Don't miss out on the excitement—sign up today! email: newmarketswimteam@gmail.com

Scan to register:



MOVIE NIGHT

Enjoy a movie under the stars in the New Market Community Park! Starting this month, there will be movies offered once a month through September, with no movie playing in July.

Bring chairs/blankets/snacks for your viewing comfort.

Showing: Moana 2

Date: May 31st, 2025

Sundown: approx. 8:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day Committee is hard at work planning this year's Independence Day Celebration. This celebration comes together with partnerships of several individuals that make up our 501c3 nonprofit group, along with the Town of New Market.

Each year the Independence Day Committee asks YOU the citizens and businesses of New Market to help support our efforts. This support helps with growing activities, entertainment, marketing and more. We are humbly asking you to contribute to this effort with financial support.

If interested in sponsoring, funds can be made payable to NMIDCC and can be mailed to PO Box 1103 New Market, VA 22844 or if you would like to discuss sponsorship benefits, we would be happy to discuss it with you.

For more information you can contact Jim Douglas at 540-630-1503 or Savannah Frazier at 540-740-3432

You can mark your calendars for July 5th, 2025 for our next celebration!

CROSS ROADS MUSIC FEST 2025

Are you ready for our 11th annual Cross Roads Music Fest this summer?

We are excited to be bringing this series back to New Market again this year. All concerts are held at the Rebel Baseball Park, highlight musical talent, and offer a relaxing evening.

Bring chairs/blankets for comfort. Food and beverages are available for purchase, and a beer/wine garden is also available for adults 21+. For more information check out our Facebook events.

2025 Dates:

June 13th- Out of Spite,

August 8th – Rare Form

September 12th - John Paul Douglas & The Bitter Trades

October 10th - The Fever Project

Time: 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Where: Rebel Baseball Park

2025 HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items **FOUR TIMES THIS YEAR (see dates below)**. This month, they will be out picking up your heavy trash items from Monday, May 12th through Friday, May 16th. 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, May 16th, 2025. 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 7:00 am on Friday, May 16th, 2025. Due to State laws governing the operation of the Shenandoah County Landfill, the Town is unable to remove old TVs, computers, tires, or hazardous materials such as pesticides, herbicides, paint, paint thinner, etc. For instructions on where to take the aforementioned items, you may call the Shenandoah County Landfill at 540-984-8573. Thank you for your cooperation.

This year's heavy trash pick-up schedule is:

- **May 12-16**
- **Aug 11-15**
- **Oct 20-24**

161ST BATTLE OF NEW MARKET COMMEMERATION

WHEN: Saturday May 17th – 10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday May 18th – 10:00am-3:00pm

WHERE: Virginia Museum of the Civil War at New Market Battlefield State Historical Park

8895 George Collins Parkway New Market, VA

The Virginia Museum of the Civil War at New Market Battlefield State Historical Park will host numerous living historians who will tell the story of the battle through programs and presentations designed to educate and entertain. Visit with the Society of Civil War Surgeons and delve into the aftermath of battle and the people responsible for caring for the wounded. Take time to visit the military camps and ask what daily life was like for Civil War soldiers. Watch and learn military drills, and experience live black powder demos. Explore the home built by Jacob and Sarah Bushong where they sheltered with their family as the heaviest fighting raged outside their door. Author Karl Rhodes will be here to present on his book "Peggy's War." Discounted admission rate of \$5 per person available to New Market residents ages 6 and up, children 5 and under are free. Details at <https://www.vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/>.

For more information call 540-740-3101 or email nmbshp@vmi.edu.

NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

We hope everyone had a good Easter. Summer is right around the corner, and with that, mowing season is upon us. While mowing, please be aware of your surroundings, especially when mowing close to the road. Try to keep grass from blowing onto the road to help prevent accidents with motorcycles and bicycles.

For the month of March, our crews ran a total of 157 calls. Of those calls, 129 were for EMS and 28 for Fire services.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us with our Spring Fling, whether by purchasing a ticket and/or coming on the day of our event. It was a huge success!

Upcoming events:

- May 17th: Bingo! Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy an evening playing bingo with us.
- July 9th: Blood Drive from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Stop by and donate a pint of blood. Remember, the life you save could be your own.

Are you looking to hold a gathering for a special occasion and don't have the space? Contact us for all your hall rental needs. Our number is 540-740-8904.

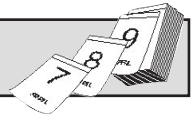
May 19-25 is EMS Appreciation Week. This week is to show thanks to all emergency medical professionals who provide life saving care across the country, and especially here in our community. If you see a provider, stop and thank them for all they do to provide care to everyone in need.

We are always looking to grow our membership, whether by helping with fundraising or running calls. Stop by the station and see a member for more information on how to become a member today.

We would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

Thank you for your continued support to our department.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2025

- 2 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 9 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12-16 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 16 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 17 Jammin' Foods Fest - New Market Park 4:00-9:00pm
- 19 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 24 Pool Opens
- 26 Town Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 30 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 31 Movie Night in the Park –
Moana 2 (sundown approx. 8:30p.m.)

June 2025

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

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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