

## MAYOR'S CORNER

Approximately one year ago, the owners of the 100 acres along Click's Lane informed the Town that they had an offer from a builder to purchase their property for residential development. This property is located on the south side of Click's Lane and in Shenandoah County. In 2012, New Market and the County came to an *Agreement*, known as the Voluntary Settlement Agreement, which would allow us to annex County acreage adjacent to our Town with restrictions of the use and density of the land. With the prospective builder's offer to purchase the acreage, we then uncovered that the *Agreement* would only allow one house per 2 acres. This extreme limitation has deterred interest in the property for the past decade.

As the Town researched how we could amend the *Agreement* to allow a reasonable number of homes to be placed on the property, we were informed that we would have to go through a series of legal steps. First, we had to have the County Supervisors to agree to consider an amendment. Second, we had to ask the Commission on Local Government (CLG) out of Richmond to listen to our reasons for requesting the change to the *Agreement*. On the

afternoon of March 9, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 pm, the CLG listened to the Town Council's presentation. Councilman Peter Hughes put together an in-depth slideshow composed of demographics and logistics as to why we wanted and needed the amendment. The Shenandoah County Administrator voiced the county's support for the hearing. The CLG then held a public hearing from 7:00-10:00 pm that same evening to hear public input. The CLG will provide their answer on this matter, on or before, May 4, 2023.

**IF** the Town receives approval to amend the *Agreement* then we can come to you, our citizens, and get YOUR input through OUR public hearings on how many homes we will allow to be built on this property. We can then work with VDOT and the builder on improving Click's Lane. Without the amendment to the Voluntary Settlement Agreement of 2012, we will sit for another decade, or more, hoping that a builder will offer, and can afford, to build one house per 2 acres.

LARRY A. BOMPIANI, Mayor  
PETER R. HUGHES, Councilman

## NEW MARKET LIGHTNING SWIM TEAM

The New Market Lightning Swim Team will hold registration on Thursday, April 20th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the New Market Town Office Council Chambers.

The season will begin on May 30th and run thru July 9th. Practices are Monday- Thursday in the evenings at the New Market Town Pool.

The swim team is a summer swim league program open to ages 5-18 who are comfortable in the water and can swim the length of the pool. The mission of the NML is to provide the young people of our community the opportunity to participate in a fun, recreational 'summer league' swim program, to teach the basics of competitive swimming skills, and to install a lifelong enjoyment of swimming.

We strive to provide a safe, healthy environment, in which our swimmers learn the values of competition, sportsmanship, teamwork, and individual achievement. We view the fundamentals of hard work, practice, self-discipline, and goal setting as important life skills. In addition, we firmly believe that we can have FUN while we achieve this!

For more information email [NewMarketSwimTeam@gmail.com](mailto:NewMarketSwimTeam@gmail.com) or call Patty at (540) 325-1628.

Facebook: New Market Lightning Swim Team

## NEW MARKET FARMER'S MARKET

The New Market Farmer's Market will open for the 2023 season on Friday, April 21st. We will be located in the town parking lot behind Jalisco in downtown New Market. Market hours are 10:00 am to 1:00 pm each Friday. New vendors are welcome! Contact Sharon Payne at 540-820-6613 or Donna Shipp at 540-810-0300 for more information. Thanks for shopping local and supporting local markets!

## WANT TO STAY INFORMED?

Did you know that New Market has a text alert system for events and things like road closures, water disruption and detours? Simply text ALERTS to 844-539-1451 to receive these notifications. You can opt out at any time.

Would you like to know when the next Town Council meeting is and what is on the agenda? Simply go to our web page [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com), click on Government, then on Agendas and Minutes, or to be on the "Town Meeting" notification list, submit your name and email address to [d.lohr@newmarketvirginia.com](mailto:d.lohr@newmarketvirginia.com). Agendas and email notifications are posted 5 days before the meeting.

## LIBRARY NEWS

As we celebrate National Library Week (April 3-9) we want to remind patrons that the New Market Library is open with all library services provided pre-pandemic. Browsing, circulation, computer use, adult and children's programs are fully available. Library hours are Monday 10:00am-5:00pm, Tuesday 11:00am-4:00pm, Wednesday 12:00pm-5:00pm, Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm, and Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm.

**Books and Babies** will be Friday, April 7th at 10:00 am. Come join us "Down on the Farm" with stories, songs, and farm themed play. This program is geared for babies and toddlers ages 0-3 with their parent or caregiver.

**Preschool Story Time** will be Friday, April 21st at 10:00 am. The theme will be Earth/Arbor Day. We will be listening to books about the Earth and trees, singing songs, and if weather permits, taking a walk around the

library grounds to see the rain gardens that the Master Gardeners of the Northern Shenandoah Valley have planted and maintained.

**Adult Program** Sunday, April 2nd, 2:00 pm. Our speaker will be Dr. Bruce Greyson, MD Author of *After: A Doctor Explores What Near-Death Experiences Reveal about Life and Beyond*. From his book, Dr. Greyson, the world's leading medical expert on near-death experiences, will share answers to questions such as: What do near-death experiences tell us about the mind-body connection? How can we tell that near-death experiences are real? How can people's consciousness continue when their brain activity has stopped? Stone Soup Books will have books available for purchase and signing.



### 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. Admission is FREE. More details to come as the event moves closer.

Date: May 20, 2023

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

Location: New Market Community Park

Admission cost: FREE

### BROKEN TRASH BIN WHEEL? NO PROBLEM!

Did a wheel pop off your trash bin and you can't find it? Is it broken beyond repair? Don't fret! We can fix it! Just call the Town Office at 540-740-3432 and let us know. If we have wheels in stock, we can have someone out that day to fix it. If not, we will take your info and pass it along to our Public Works Dept and it will be fixed as soon as we are restocked.

### OUR TOWN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Interested in helping with town events like Cross Roads Music Fest? Are you more interested in public art projects? Do you have graphic design talent or interest in cultivating partnerships?

Then we are looking for YOU! The Our Town Enhancement committee focuses on improving the quality of life in New Market by creating a unique and thriving downtown environment, preserving our town's history, strengthening our position as a recreation and tourism destination, and establishing sense of place by developing community pride and involvement.

If interested in learning more or signing up, contact Amber Smoot at 540-740-3432 or [a.smoot@newmarketvirginia.com](mailto:a.smoot@newmarketvirginia.com)

### YOU ARE INVITED!

**WHERE:** Reformation Lutheran Church  
9283 Congress St.

**What:** Home Cooked Lunch and Fellowship

**When:** 11:00 a.m. (First Thursday of every Month)

**Everyone is welcome! Please come!**  
Freewill offering/donations accepted

## HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items **THREE MORE times this year (see dates below)**. More information will be given closer to the pickup dates.

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

- May 22-26
- Aug 14-18
- Oct 16-20

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## SHELTER RENTAL 2023

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

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## 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.



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## SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris begins April 7th and 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 540-740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.



## Shenandoah County Tours “Faces of Tourism” program

Each tour includes a behind-the-scenes experience at a local hospitality business, town or attraction, swag bag, and lunch. Tours are open to business owners, employees, residents, and visitors of Shenandoah County.

Participants will learn about different industry sectors, towns, area attractions, farm operations, outdoor recreation, arts & culture, area resorts, camps, and event venues.

**\*\*Touring Incentive for Town of New Market RESIDENTS ONLY:** For each tour you attend, your name will go into a quarterly drawing to win a gift basket of local goodies (value of \$50)

Pre-register by emailing Brenda Black at [bblack@shenandoahcountyva.us](mailto:bblack@shenandoahcountyva.us) no later than one week prior to each tour. For questions call Brenda direct at 540-325-0069.

Tour: Fort Valley Ranch and Campground

Date: April 19th, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 (includes lunch)

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## POOL STAFF NEEDED

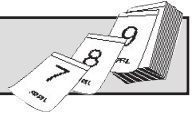
The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2023 season. Lifeguards must currently have, or be able to obtain prior to the season, a Red Cross certification. Interested candidates must be willing to work flexible hours.



Applications for employment are available on the Town's website [www.newmarketvirginia.com/contact/employment](http://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 27, 2023. 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.

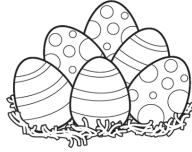
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## April 2023

- 1 Easter Egg Hunt
- 7 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 14 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 Town Council Meeting
- 21 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 28 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

6:30 pm



## May 2023

- 5 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 19 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 20 **Jammin' Foods Fest - New Market Park 4-9pm**
- 22 Town Council Meeting
- 22-26 **Heavy Trash Pickup**
- 26 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 27 **Pool Opens**
- 27 **Movie Night in the Park (sundown approx. 8:20pm)**
- 29 **Town Office closed in observance of Memorial Day**

6:30 pm

## 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](http://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 • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah • Peter Hughes  
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

### ADMINISTRATION

Buster Nicholson ..... *Town Manager*  
 Chris Rinker ..... *Police Chief*  
 Teresa Green ..... *Town Treasurer*  
 J.D. Fadley ..... *Public Works Director*

Donna Lohr ..... *Administrative Assistant*  
 Lindsey Kipps ..... *Office Assistant*  
 Amber Smoot ..... *Events & Marketing Director*

*An Equal Opportunity Community*

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