

## MAYOR'S CORNER

December 2nd, 5:00 PM, South Congress street, BE THERE!! Sorry for my abrupt statement but I know this newsletter will arrive at your home “minutes” before this event. What event am I referring to you might ask? New Market’s Christmas parade is back on Congress Street. The official Christmas tree lighting will follow immediately afterwards at the Town Hall. This year, instead of the old gray “mayor” lighting the tree, it will be a lucky child flipping the switch. Then it is onto the library for the children to sit with Santa and his beautiful wife, Mrs. Claus! Elves will be there handing out bags of goodies to our young ones.

I don’t care how old we get, Christmas is exciting IF you want it to be. I realize that many families have experienced tragedies in their lives at this time of year, which makes it difficult to celebrate. However, if we take time to look into a child’s eyes and see their joy and excitement, it can be contagious. Then, if we go a step further and do or say something to a child that puts a smile on *their* face it will in turn, warm *your*

heart. After all, isn’t Christmas for the child in all of us? I am not telling you anything more than what you already know or have experienced yourself. I am just reminding you.

Don’t forget to walk down Congress Street and enjoy our decorations while you shop at our local stores. Show your gratitude to our merchants for their unwavering yearly support of our town. Continue your holiday experience by visiting our park and taking in the colorful lighting of the trees, pavilions and buildings. Once again, I want to express my appreciation to New Market’s town staff for all their work in making this season a wonderful experience for all of us. Come and join your neighbors December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the fun and excitement on Congress Street. The twinkle in the children’s eyes will remind you of the simplicity and purity of Christmas! Ahhhh, some things never change, even after 2,023 years have passed ;)

Larry A. Bompiani  
New Market Mayor

## TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Town Office will be closed the following business days this holiday season:

**Friday, December 22, 2023 at noon**

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

**Tuesday, December 26, 2023**

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## FREE CONCERT SERIES IN NEW MARKET

The New Market Adventist Church and the Shenandoah Valley Academy are hosting 2 concerts in December for anyone who would like to attend. They are as follows:

- **Candlelight Concerts**

Friday, December 15, 2023 at 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 4:00 pm

New Market Adventist Church  
62 W. Lee Hwy, New Market

- **Christmas Pop Concert**

**Shenandoah Valley Academy Music Groups**

Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 8:00 pm

Shenandoah Valley Academy Gym  
234 W. Lee Hwy, New Market

## RESPONSIBILITIES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember to do your part to keep the sidewalks open and clear for those wishing to use them this winter season. In 2004 the Town Council passed an ordinance in which property owners are responsible for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks along their property. The Town thanks you for promptly clearing your sidewalk for the benefit of not only you, but for your neighbors and the entire community as well. Please contact the town office for details pertaining to the Town Ordinance.

If you are unable to clear snow on or along your property you will need to find someone to assist you. There are many people who offer this service. It would be wise to seek out help before the winter weather arrives.

Please also maintain access to your water meter. Trimming foliage and clearing snow and ice from the lid of the meter pit can ensure proper access to your water meter. Maintaining access to your water meter will assist us with:

- Emergency shutoffs (for frozen pipes) when you are away from home or are unable to turn off the water inside your location.
- Emergency water meter maintenance.

## LIBRARY NEWS

'Tis the Season! The library is decorating and celebrating along with the Town of New Market. Santa and Mrs. Santa will be at the library following the 'Tis the Season parade, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Check out our selection of holiday fiction, craft and cookbooks!

Holiday themes will be featured in our children's programs.

- Books and Babies, Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. "Merry and Bright", jingle bells, stories and play for children aged 0-3.
- Preschool Story time, Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

at 10:00 am. "Jingle Bells and Gingerbread!" Stories, songs and rhymes for children ages 3-6.

If SCPS are closed for inclement weather, the story time will be canceled!

The library will be closed in observance of holidays December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.



### HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

December 2nd to December 21st

FOOD DRIVE

NEEDED ITEMS:

- Oatmeal
- Crackers
- Trail mix
- Cereal
- Soup
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Fruit cups
- Applesauce
- Tuna
- Canned chicken
- Noodles
- Rice
- Oil
- Spaghetti sauce
- Granola bars
- Gold fish
- Cheezits
- Water
- Canned veggies
- Canned fruit
- Mashed potatoes

Donation boxes can be found at various New Market Businesses & Town Hall

A few requests for needs of our families as you donate:

- Easy pop tops on cans, as some families don't have a can opener
- If donating an item that needs a can opener, please donate a can opener as well.
- Make sure that donated items are not expired.
- Please be sure that the items you donate are items that you would feed to your own family. A lot of families have 3-4 kids, so remember the people you are donating to.
- Have a favorite kid snack that you would like to donate? We would love that too!

We are truly so appreciative of each and every one of you! We want to shine the light of our Father in the Valley. It is all for His Glory!

To learn more about who we are, please visit our website [reunithelight.org](http://reunithelight.org).

## NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

During the month of October, our crews ran 143 calls for service with 74 being within town limits. Ninety-nine of these calls was for EMS services and 44 calls were for Fire service.

We would like to THANK the New Market Eagles for their donation towards the purchase of our new ambulance (which is still in production).

Don't miss out on our events! Find us on Facebook, New Market Fire and Rescue, and like and follow our page.

We are always looking to add to our membership, whether volunteering to run calls or help with fundraising. Stop by our station and see any member for more information.

We hope everyone has a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!



## 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 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Next food pantry is Thursday Dec 21, 2023.

## WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES

The onset of the Holidays often brings cold weather and snow right along with it. Whether the storm totals 1" or 12"+, winter weather presents challenges for all of us. Here are a few tips in advance of this winter season:

- **Be prepared:** Predicting weather seems to be a challenge even with advances in 21st century meteorology. With few exceptions winter storms are rarely a total surprise. Winter weather advisories are usually posted days in advance of the storm. Use that time to restock your medications, food and other essentials.
- **Be careful:** It may seem like an overused piece of advice, but when you travel unnecessarily on snow covered roads you put yourself and your vehicle at risk and make clearing roads that much more challenging. For those of you who do have to travel, plan ahead and leave yourself extra time to get to your destination.
- **Be patient:** Removing snow from streets takes time. Storm duration, temperature and sunlight all affect how quickly streets are cleared. Often it's not until the sun returns and day time temperatures exceed 32 degrees that frozen snow and ice on streets can completely be removed.

- **Be helpful:** After the snow has stopped, please help keep your neighbors and friends safe by clearing the sidewalk(s) that fronts your property. It's not only the right thing to do; it's also required by town ordinance.

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## 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

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that if you have a separate water only meter, we can turn it off during the winter months? Don't want to pay the minimum bill each month while not being used? Call the office at 540-740-3432 and ask to have it turned off for the season. When you are ready to start working on those flowers or that veggie garden, call the office to have it turned back on. A \$15.00 reconnect fee will be added to your first bill once you reactivate the account.

## MAINTAIN ACCESS TO YOUR WATER METER

It is very important that customers maintain clear access to their water meters from the public right-of-way. Obstacles that may block the radio signals include building materials, foliage and metal objects located between the street and the meter pit.

All town water customers are responsible for the upkeep of the area between their meter pit and the street. Please assist us by trimming foliage and by clearing snow and ice from the lid of the meter pit. Landscaping or fencing should be kept at least 1-3 feet from the meter pit.

Maintain access to your water meter to assist us with:

- Meter Reading
- Emergency shutoffs (for frozen pipes) when you are away from home or are unable to turn off the water yourself; and
- Emergency water meter maintenance

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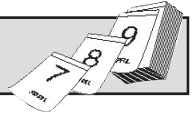
## HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP ADDITIONAL DAYS

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items at **FOUR different times this year (see dates below)**. 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 of the specified week. 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 of the specified week. 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 instruction 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:**

- **January 8-12**
- **May 20-24**
- **Aug 12-16**
- **Oct 15-18**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## December 2023

- 1 LAST Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 2 Tis the Season Celebration
- 5 2nd Half Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due
- 9 Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt at New Market Park
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 18 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 Town Office Closes at Noon
- 25-26 Town Office Closed in Observance of Christmas



## January 2024

- 1 Town Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day
- 8-12 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 15 Town Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm  
(Tuesday instead of Monday)



## 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 • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah • Peter Hughes  
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

### ADMINISTRATION

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

Savannah Frazier ..... *Events & Marketing Director*  
 Amber Smoot..... *Executive Assistant*  
 Lindsey Kipps ..... *Office Assistant*  
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