

MAYOR'S CORNER

Ahh, winter - a great time to snuggle up to some relaxing activities: watching football or basketball on TV, trying some puzzles, books, games, or perhaps just take a nap. Perhaps you are beginning a new career, taking some classes or juggling many things at one time. Whatever this time of the year brings into our lives, we are all busy with the task of making choices and receiving life's ever changing surprises. The challenge is always in learning how to roll with the punches and how to make the best of our circumstances, whatever they may be.

So how does the Town fit in with these challenges? Let's look at the bigger picture.

We have some wonderful people in this town! Have you seen them out there working? Have you seen how they have helped to make our lives so much more enjoyable and worth coming home to this great town called New Market? Think about how the Christmas lights made us smile. Remember the beautiful town park that glittered even for the busy holiday traveler on Interstate 81. Think of the other joys in this town that reach out to us every day. We are so fortunate to have the beauty of the Shenvalee golf course within our town and the backdrop of the magnificent Massanutten Mountain.

It's not just the physical beauty of the town but also the "heart" of this town...OUR PEOPLE! It's our neighbors who are out there working and volunteering to make New Market a great community. Many of these people remain invisible to us as they work behind the scenes to make our lives better. They are building the new daycare for our children and young families; staffing our library and visitor centers; volunteering at our churches, food pantry and nonprofit organizations; offering to serve on boards and committees; and coaching our young athletes in various sports.

Without these dedicated people our town would be lifeless, for it is from their energy and sacrifice that we thrive. They are everyday people that want to see our children and seniors enjoy life to its fullest. They are willing to give of themselves without expecting praise or recognition from the rest of us. The best thing about this group of dedicated servants is that they always welcome others that have the same heart to join them. Find the organization that fits your talents and help make New Market a wonderful community to call home.

Larry Bompiani
Mayor of New Market

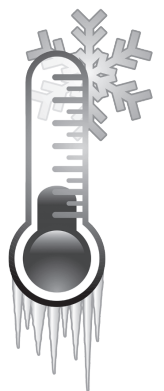
WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES

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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Library Lovers Month occurs annually in February and reminds us of all the resources available at our library and how they can enrich our lives. For library volunteers, it's a time to be appreciated, and to celebrate! We are proud of our local library!

For children in February:

A winter reading program for ages 0-5 will be held during the month of February; sign up will begin on February 1. Prizes will be available for children who turn in their reading logs in March!

Check the library Facebook page for other programs and for cancellations/postponements due to weather. The voicemail on the library phone (540-740-8650) will also have weather related closings.

- February 1st, at 6:30 p.m. Snuggle Up and Read PJ party to kick off Winter Reading. Bring a blanket, dress in PJs if you'd like, and read together as a family and listen to stories read aloud. (All ages welcome!). A surprise guest will be making an appearance to read to children! A bedtime snack will be given to children as they leave. (Snow date Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.)

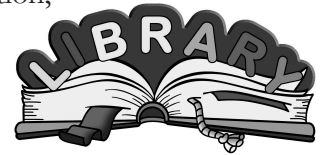
- February 3rd at 10 a.m. Books and Babies for children 0-3. "Hearts and Hugs!" This is a lap sit time for our youngest friends and their caregivers featuring stories, rhythm and rhymes, sensory play and more.

- February 17th at 10 a.m. Preschool Story Time for children 3-6 and their caregivers, with stories, songs

and movement. "Hearts of Love" will be the February theme. If schools are closed, library programs will be canceled. If schools are late, programs will be held.

For adults in February:

The New Market Area Library Adult program on February 12, 2:00 p.m. will feature research on the American Kestrel being conducted in our area by award winning scientists, Lance and Jill Morrow. Lance & Jill were the recipients of the 2018 Jackson M. Abbott Conservation Award from the Virginia Society of Ornithology for "outstanding work in the scientific study and conservation of Virginia's birds". Currently, they monitor 80+ nest boxes each spring, noting kestrel occupancy, number of eggs, number of young hatched, and they place bird bands on all kestrels raised in (or using) the boxes. The Morrows also capture adult kestrels in winter to determine their migratory status and longevity. In addition, they monitor and band Barn Owls, Bluebirds, Screech Owls, and other species within the study area. The lecture, held at the New Market Area Library, is free of charge and no pre-registration is necessary. For more information, contact Bev Butterfield at (540) 335-5396 or by email at bsbutter7@gmail.com.



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

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**

Mt. Jackson/New Market Little League Spring 2023 Season Registration Baseball and Softball

Who: Girls and Boys ages 4-16

When: Now thru Feb 11th

Register online at www.mjnmlittleleague.com

Cost: \$60

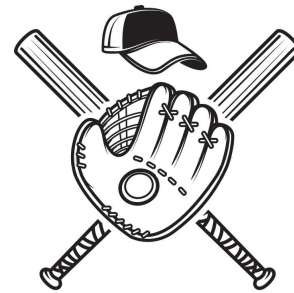
(Multiple child discounts)

For more details find us on Facebook or contact us at
540.333.0689 mjnmbaseball@gmail.com



SHENGO TRANSIT

Don't forget ShenGo Transit is available! The transit service runs from the Woodstock Walmart down to New Market on its Southern route. The transit will have four timed stops in town including New Market North Apartments, The Community Park, New Market Poultry, and Valley Heath. ShenGo will be running from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday with a fare of \$1 each direction with an option to transfer routes at the Woodstock Walmart Stop. Children 12 years of age and under, when accompanied by an adult, ride free. For maps and transit schedule visit <https://vatransit.org/shengo/>.



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

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.

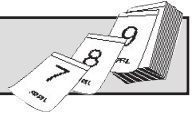
If you are unable to clear snow on or along your property you will need to find someone to assist you. There are many people who offer this service. It would be wise to seek out help before the winter weather arrives.

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2023

- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 20 Town Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
- 21 Town Council Meeting
(Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm



March 2023

- 1 Business License Due
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 20 Town Council Meeting 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
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