

MAYOR'S CORNER

Many citizens assumed when the New Market School closed in the 1990s that the building and property would be turned over to the Town for its future use. However, the property was donated to a nonprofit 501C-3 Board that managed it until 2022, at which time they graciously donated the building to the Town of New Market. Obviously, we, the Town, were very excited to receive such a gift of real estate that would serve our community well into the future. The possibilities were endless for activities and programs that we could offer to our citizens now that we had a building to use. Our enthusiasm was “off the chart” to begin work to reach our goals!

Ahhhh, but then the reality of ownership and stewardship hit us. What could the building be used for? What programs and activities do our citizens desire? What would it cost to do the renovations and upgrades? A new roof, restrooms, heating/cooling, electrical, asbestos remediation, fire suppression system, parking, and handicap accessibility all had to be addressed before going any further. We began searching for grants to assist us in answering these questions. An initial \$5,000.00 grant was received to begin our quest towards restoration. This was followed by a \$50,000.00 grant to

hire a Consulting firm that specializes in large projects. After all, if we are going to accept the responsibility of stewardship then we are going to search for professional guidance as well as monetary assistance.

Well, as of our council meeting on 1/16/2024, I am very happy to announce that we have hired Frazier Associates of Stanton, Virginia to guide us to achieve our vision for the community center. Upon our acceptance of their contract, Frazier Associates has already put together a team to assist them, which consists of Hill Studio, Linton Engineering, MEI Engineering and Commonwealth Environmental Associates. Over the next 6-8 months they will follow a 7-step plan (a detailed copy is available from the Town), that starts at gathering data of our needs to architectural design and costs. Now that we have hired a consultant, this is where you, our citizens, input is needed. In the upcoming weeks, our consultants will be reaching out to you for your recommendations. PLEASE respond to their surveys/questionnaires. We want to provide for your needs as well as your children. After all, it is a “COMMUNITY” Center.

Larry A. Bompiani
New Market Mayor

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES

The onset of the winter months 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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LIBRARY NEWS

The Winter Reading Program for children 0-6, Snuggle with a Book, kicked off January 31, 2024 and will continue through the month of February. Register and then pick up a reading log and reading buddy at the library. A new book is awarded upon completion of their log. An event ending celebration of the Winter Reading Program is planned for Wed. March 6, 2024 from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm.

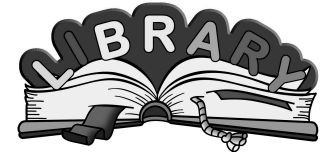
Books and Babies – February 7, 2024 at 10:00 am. “We Love Our Pets!” Stories, songs, movement and play is geared for children ages 0-3, interacting with their caregivers.

Preschool Story time – February 16, 2024 at 10:00 am. “Hearts of Love” Books, songs, rhymes and fun for children ages 3-6.

*If Shenandoah County Schools are canceled due to inclement weather, story times are also canceled. If schools open late, story times will be held at their normal times.

Adult Program-Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

“Cold Civil War: Religion, Race, and a Painter during Early Reconstruction in Woodstock, Virginia”. Our speaker will be Dr. Stephen Longenecker, professor emeritus of history at Bridgewater College. Dr. Longenecker will talk about the early years of Reconstruction in Woodstock, Virginia, when a subtle but deeply impactful conflict simmered beneath the surface. Although the physical combat had ended at Appomattox, the town remained sharply divided. The prevailing issues were so profound that they led to a state of persistent tension and strife, akin to a cold civil war, and much like the challenges facing America today.



MT. JACKSON/NEW MARKET LITTLE LEAGUE SPRING 2024 SEASON REGISTRATION FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Who: Girls and Boys ages 4-16

When: Now thru Feb 16th

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

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

The beginning of the year is a great time to make sure your information is up to date. Often times our staff will attempt to contact our customers via phone when an issue is suspected at a property. It is always best to have a phone number where you can be reached during the day in case an emergency situation arises. Without a phone number on file often times we have to shut off water service to a property until an issue can be resolved and town staff is unable to make the resident aware. This can cause issues when a resident arrives home and no longer has access to water service. Phone numbers will never be shared outside of the town office. If you would like to update your phone number you can call our office at 540-740-3432, or write it on the remittance stub included with your payment.



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, February 15, 2024.

NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

We hope everyone is staying warm with the cold weather we are having!

For all of 2023, our crews ran a total of 1,910 calls. Of these, 1,298 calls were for EMS services, and 612 calls for Fire service. The total number of calls for within town limits was 1,096.

For the month of December, our crews ran 140 calls for service, with 104 of those calls for EMS services and 36 calls for Fire service.

We would like to thank everyone who came out to support us for our Spaghetti Dinner! It was a success!

Our Spring Fling is March 23, 2024. Tickets are \$25.00 each, with over \$100,000.00 in prizes to be given away. Stop by and get your ticket before they sell out!

For more information on our events, like and follow our page on Facebook at New Market Fire and Rescue.

Thank you for your continued support to our department!!

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

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
BBQ Pits	FREE

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can find out about events, street closures, trash collection changes, water service disruption, etc., by texting ALERTS to 844-539-1451. This is a free service, but text/data rates may apply.

You can also find this information on our website www.newmarketvirginia.com and on social media under Town of New Market.

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

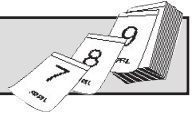
HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP ADDITIONAL DAYS

The Town's Public Works Crew 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 20-24**
- **Aug 12-16**
- **Oct 15-18**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2024

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



March 2024

- 1 Business License Due
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 18 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23 Easter Egg Hunt – New Market Community Park 9:30 am



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

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 Teresa Green *Town Treasurer*
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