

MAYOR'S CORNER

Since my last article, I have had the opportunity to talk with some of our citizens concerning the future growth of our town. Some have the concern that we are placing our emphasis on residential growth and overlooking additional business ventures. They question why will families want to move here if there aren't storefronts to provide for their everyday needs? So, which comes first? More houses to attract more business, or more businesses to entice new families? My answer is, CAN'T WE DO BOTH?

Our Main Street has many empty storefronts to invite new businesses to sell their wares. These business ventures don't have to just depend on the local citizens, but can try and attract the tourist passing through New Market. People travel from various origins to visit the Shenandoah Valley. This time of year, the beautiful fall foliage causes the traveler to pause and camp as well as hike along our trails. We also have the caverns, the Shenandoah River, and Shenvalee Golf Course that beckons the attention of visitors to our town. The New Market Battlefield has been the cornerstone of our tourist industry since the early 20th century. Add to that the attractions that the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield

Foundation (SBVF) is developing for the visitor interested in our local history.

In an attempt to help make our Main Street more attractive to our visitors as well as our residents we are working with VDOT to reduce the truck traffic. In the time that it requires for one truck to make the 90-degree turn at the light at Jon Henry Store, we could get 4 cars to pass through. The noise from these trucks as well as the congested traffic and obstruction to pedestrians crossing the street is not conducive for leisurely shopping. I hope that VDOT will provide solutions to this problem.

So, to answer my own question, YES, we can do both, and we are! We are working to add new affordable housing and to attract new business ventures. In the meantime, I thank each of you for supporting our local merchants. Our citizens and business owners depend on one another, and your Council, as well as our employees, appreciate both!

Larry A. 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

2023, a new year! What better time to get acquainted with your local library! The New Market Library is a warm and welcoming place that offers a wide selection of reading materials for all ages, books on CD, DVDs, computers, local history resources and more. We are open the following hours:

Monday 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Tuesday 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Friday 12:00 pm-5:00 pm.

(Note that some hours have changed)

For children in January:

- Books and Babies: Friday, January 6th at 10 am. This program is geared for ages 0-3. Enjoy “Winter Wonderland” stories, songs and more.
- Preschool Story Time: Friday, January 20th at 10 am. “Let it Snow!” a program with books, songs and activities for children ages 4-6.

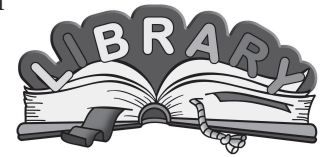
In case of inclement weather, if Shenandoah County

Public Schools are closed, the program will be cancelled. If schools are delayed, the program is on!

Adult program Sunday, January 8th at 2 pm. The Harmonia Sacra and Shaped Note Singing

Our speaker, Dr. Sam Showalter, and his wife Jan, have been Harmonia Sacra singers since childhood, as were their parents. He is executive director of the Harmonia Sacra society, whose goal is the preservation and promotion of the influence of Joseph Funk and family on sacred music in the Shenandoah Valley and far beyond.

Dr. Showalter will share the history of Joseph Funk, (1778–1862) pioneer American music teacher, publisher, Mennonite and early American composer. He will talk about the heritage of music in the Mennonite church and Funk’s promotion of shaped note singing and establishment of the first Mennonite printing house in Singer’s Glen, VA in 1847.



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



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/>.

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

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 9-13**
- **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

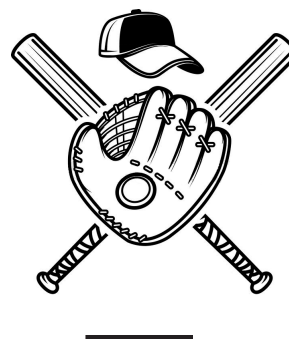
When: Now thru Feb 11th

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



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.

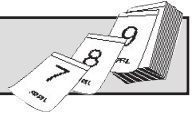
If you are unable to clear snow on or along your property you will need to find someone to assist you. There are many people who offer this service. It would be wise to seek out help before the winter weather arrives.

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



January 2023

- 2 Town Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day
- 9-13 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 16 Town Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17 Town Council Meeting
(Tuesday instead of Monday)



6:30 pm

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



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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