

MAYOR'S CORNER

I assume by now that all of you have heard that spring is coming early this year. Yep, Punxsutawney Phil made his prediction so we better get ready for an early start of our 2024 festivities. Our very own Events and Marketing Director, Ms. Savannah Frazier, has a full schedule of activities for us to enjoy starting with the Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd. By May, things really get rolling with Jammin' Food Fest on the 18th. Additionally, Savannah has 5 Movie nights planned, 4 Crossroads concerts, Independence Day Celebration, Congress St. Block Party, National Night Out, Puppy Pool Party, Fall Festival, Trick or Treat on Congress St. and Tis the Season Celebration & Parade. Then finally, the Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt completes the year! After all of those activities even the "PA Prognosticator" will be ready to crawl back in his hole!

Just for the moment, take time to understand how much work goes into these festivities. First, putting together a committee (THANK YOU to all the volunteers) to assist her with the work. Next, securing event sponsors and donors to help pay for the cost involved. Advertising, set up, running the program and

finally, cleaning up afterwards. On any given night of an event, Savannah might be able to put her head on her pillow by midnight. Thank God that we have Town employees that pitch in to help as much as they do. In the 5 years that I have been on the Town Council I have greatly appreciated the "family of employees" that help one another whenever they see the need.

As we define the use of the community center, I am certain that this will expand our programs and events for New Market. Of course that means that Savannah will assume responsibility for a portion of the increased festivities. Please remember her in your prayers. As a small town, we have been blessed with our businesses that have **repeatedly** sponsored and donated to these activities. On behalf of our council and our staff, I want to say THANK YOU to our donors, volunteers, civic organizations, and church groups for your assistance with making New Market a great place to live! Come out and join us in the fun as often as possible!

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

Families are invited to our Celebration of the Winter Reading Program/Read Across America event, Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Snow date will be Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 Each child who brings their completed log will receive a new book! Children can participate in a variety of activities, craft and reading of books by favorite children's authors.

Books and Babies will also be Wednesday, March 6th at 10:00 am. "In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb" themed stories and play for children ages 0-3 and their caregivers.

Preschool Story Time will be Friday, March 15th at 10 am. "Hooray for Hats!" Children ages 3-6 are invited to come wearing a favorite hat! We will enjoy stories, rhymes and songs, all about hats!

**Children's programs are canceled if Shenandoah County Schools are closed.*

Adult program: Sunday, March 10th, 2024 at 2:00 pm. "Life at Lewis Mountain: Shenandoah in the Jim Crow Era"

Claire Comer, Interpretive Specialist with the Shenandoah National Park, and her associate, Allysa Fox will share information about a new exhibit at the Shenandoah National Park, depicting how African Americans experienced Shenandoah National Park during segregation. The program also covers the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s and the struggle for desegregation. This is the fourth in a series of web-based curriculum that explore national events and cultural changes through the lens of Shenandoah National Park.



POOL STAFF NEEDED

The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2024 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 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 25, 2024. Applications can be turned in to the Town Office, Attn: Amber Smoot, Administrative Assistant, at 9418 John Sevier Road or mailed to P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844.

2024 SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris begins April 5th 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 or call the town office at 540-740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

SHELTER RENTAL 2024

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| 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 |



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.

Next food pantry is Thursday, March 21, 2024.

2024 EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the following events in 2024. More information will be available for each event in future newsletters as well as on the Town's website and Social Media pages. Additional events will also be announced as details are finalized.

- **March 23, 2024 Easter Egg Hunt**
- **May 18, 2024 Jammin' Foods Fest**
- **May 25, 2024 Movie Night**
- **June 15, 2024 Movie Night**
- **June 21, 2024 Cross Roads**
- **July 5, 2024 Independence Day Celebration**
- **July 25, 2024 Congress Street Block Party**
- **August 6, 2024 National Night Out**
- **August 16, 2024 Cross Roads**
- **August 17, 2024 Movie Night**
- **September 14, 2024 Movie Night**
- **September 20, 2024 Cross Roads**
- **September 8, 2024 Puppy Pool Party**
- **September 28, 2024 Fall Festival**
- **October 12, 2024 Movie Night**
- **October 18, 2024 Cross Roads**
- **October 31, 2024 Trick or Treat on Congress Street**
- **December 7, 2024 Tis the Season Celebration & Parade**
- **December 14, 2024 Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt**

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can request a 2nd or even 3rd trash bin from the Town? If you have trash each week that doesn't fit in your bin, stop by the town office to request another trash can. There is a short form to fill out and sign. Each additional bin is \$3 per month added to your bill. Have more questions? Call the office at 540-740-3432.

NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

For the month of January, our crews ran 139 calls for service. Of those calls, 97 were for EMS services and 42 calls for Fire Service.

Our next Blood Drive will be March 13th, 2024 from 12:30 pm until 5:30 pm. Stop by and donate. Remember, the life you save may be your own.

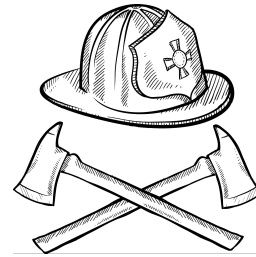
The Spring Fling is March 23rd, 2024. Tickets are \$25.00 each. We will be giving away over \$100,000.00 in prizes. You can get your ticket at the following New Market locations:

New Market Fire and Rescue from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm
New Market Exxon
The Home Store
Rt 11 Equipment Sales
New Market Napa

We are always looking to add to our membership, whether volunteering to run calls or to help with fundraisers. Stop by the station and see any member to sign up.

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

Thank you for your continued support to our department!!



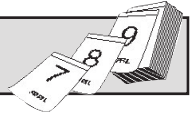
HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP ADDITIONAL DAYS

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 20-24**
- **Aug 12-16**
- **Oct 15-18**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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



April 2024

- 5 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 15 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 19 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 26 Lawn and Leaf Pickup



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.
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TOWN COUNCIL

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 Scott Wymer • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah • Peter Hughes
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 Chris Rinker..... *Police Chief*
 Teresa Green..... *Town Treasurer*
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Savannah Frazier *Events & Marketing Director*
 Amber Smoot..... *Executive Assistant*
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