

## MAYOR'S CORNER

Last night my wife and I attended a Fundraiser Dinner and Auction at our church. The attendance was exceptional, and the attendees graciously opened their wallets to make the event a huge success. While I sat enjoying the camaraderie, I couldn't help but notice the volunteers scurrying through the kitchen preparing and serving our meal. In addition to the kitchen workers, there was the auctioneer and his staff displaying and selling the auction items. Also, the cleanup crew didn't escape my attention for their service. Furthermore, while reviewing the items for auction along with the names of those who donated them, I realized that many of the same names kept showing up. While admiring these "servants" in action, it reminded me of something that my father always told me and my 6 siblings. ***"It's Nice to be Important BUT, It's More Important to be Nice"***.

How many times have we overlooked all the work that goes into a fundraiser for our schools, fire and rescue departments, food pantries, elderly, homeless, preschools, Boy or Girl Scouts? The list is endless, and we often take for granted all the hours that volunteers

put into making the world a little better for someone else. Do we take *our* time to truly thank them for *their* time? The same for the donors, do we take a moment to express our appreciation to them?

In our small Town of New Market, we see the same volunteers as well as the same businesses and organizations, stepping up to answer this call of service. The is also true across the globe. Only 20% of the population offer to volunteer while the other 80% watch or receive the benefits. Can you imagine what the world would look like if we could change that number to 40/60? All too often we want our government to care for the needs of the people. In many cases the government falls short and that's where the volunteers of services and goods step in to fill the void. So just let me say to all the volunteers and donors of this world, THANK YOU for being so **NICE**, because you are so very **IMPORTANT** for the success of the world we live in!

Larry A. Bompiani  
Mayor of New Market

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## ONLINE PAYMENT COMING SOON!

The Town of New Market will soon begin accepting online payments for those customers who prefer the convenience of paying electronically with their debit/credit card. There will be a small service fee associated with making payments online. The Town will not profit from this fee.

Other payment options available to customers at no charge include in person via cash, check, money order or debit/credit card; by mail; or by depositing payment in the drop box located to the right of the entrance to the Town Office. In addition, water/sewer/trash customers can make payment through automatic monthly deductions from their bank account. Forms are available on our website or at the Town Office.

More information regarding the online payment process will be forthcoming. Please check our website at [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com) for updates.

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## LEASH LAWS IN TOWN

**Just a reminder** that dogs are to be kept on a leash at all times when walking along public streets and in the park. Dogs **are not allowed** on the baseball fields or tennis courts.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

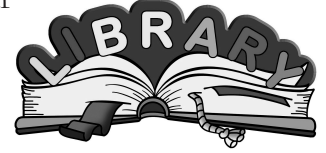
Programs for Children:

- May 1st 10:00 am. Books and Babies - “Celebrating Moms and Dads!” Children ages 0-3 and their caregivers will enjoy books, songs and play time together.
- May 17th 10:00 am. Preschool Story Time - “Digging for Dinosaurs!” This program is for children ages 3-6. There will be stories, songs, rhymes, and activities featuring dinosaurs.

Plans for our Summer Reading Program “Adventure

Begins at Your Library” are underway. An Adventure with Rhythm kickoff with Michael Deaton is planned for June 5th. Each Wednesday morning in June and July (with the exception of July 3rd) will feature a new adventure at the library!

The date and information about our adult program for May will be posted on our FB page as soon as it is confirmed.



## 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.  
The next food pantry pick up is Thursday, May 16, 2024.

## MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK 2024

Enjoy a movie under the stars in the New Market Community Park! Beginning this month, there will be movies offered once a month through October, with no movie playing in July.

Bring chairs/blankets/snacks for your viewing comfort.

Showing: Monsters University

**Date:** May 25, 2024

**Sundown:** approx. 8:30 pm

**Admission:** FREE

**Sponsored by:** Sheila Hall Realtor with Coldwell Banker Premier



## CROSS ROADS MUSIC FEST 2024

Are you ready for our 10th annual Cross Roads Music Fest this summer? We are excited to be bringing this series back to New Market again this year. All concerts are held at Rebel Baseball Park and highlights musical talent and offers a relaxing evening. Bring chairs/blankets for comfort. Food and beverages are available for purchase, and a beer/wine garden is also available for adults 21+.

For more information check out our Facebook events.

**2024 Dates:**

June 21st

August 16th

September 20th

October 18th

Time: 6:30p-9:00p

Where: Rebel Baseball Park

Admission: FREE

## SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris began Friday, 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](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com) or call the town office at 540-740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can be alerted to severe weather conditions and other potentially dangerous situations via an app called CodeRED? It is available on Google Play and in the Apple store. Search for CodeRED Mobile Alert by Onsolve LLC. Install it on your phone and follow the prompts to get alerts for your area.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day Committee is hard at work planning this year's Independence Day Celebration. This celebration comes together with partnerships of several individuals that make up our 501c3 nonprofit group, along with the Town of New Market.

Each year the Independence Day Committee asks YOU, the citizens and businesses of New Market to help support our efforts. This support helps with growing activities, entertainment, marketing and more. We are humbly asking you to contribute to this effort with financial support. If interested in sponsoring, funds can be made payable to NMIDCC and can be mailed to PO Box 1103 New Market, VA 22844. If you would like to discuss sponsorship benefits, we would be happy to discuss. For more information you can contact Jim Douglas at 540-630-1503 or Savannah Frazier at 540-740-3432

You can mark your calendars for July 5th, 2024 for our next celebration!

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## 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)**. This month, they will be out picking up your heavy trash items from Monday, May 20th through Friday, May 24th. 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, May 26th, 2024. 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, May 24th, 2024**. 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 instructions 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:**

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

## NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE

We hope everyone is enjoying this spring weather we are having. Summer is right around the corner.

For the month of March our crews ran a total of 167 calls. Of those calls, 119 were for EMS services and 48 calls for Fire service. A total of 71 of those calls were within the town limits.

We would like to THANK everyone who donated water, snacks, wipes, etc. to our station during the fire on the mountain. It was greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our department for our Spring Fling. It was a huge success!

### Upcoming events:

- May 8th Blood Drive from 12:30 pm until 5:30 pm
- May 18th Bingo Doors open at 4:30 pm. Games start at 6:30 pm
- June 8th Summer Gun Bash. Tickets are still available at Second Wind Firearms or at our Station.

For more information on our events: find us on Facebook at New Market Fire and Rescue, then Like and Follow our page.

Thank you for your continued support to our department!!!

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## JAMMIN' FOODS FEST

Mark those calendars!! New Market's annual food truck fest is BACK! Held in the New Market Community Park, there will be a selection of food trucks, live music, vendors, and fun things for the kids to do. Admission is FREE.

More details to come as the event moves closer.

Date: May 18, 2024

Time: 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: New Market Community Park

Admission: FREE

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## YOU ARE INVITED!

**WHERE:** Reformation Lutheran Church  
9283 Congress St.

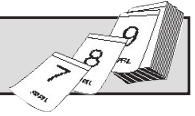
**What:** Home Cooked Lunch and Fellowship

**When:** 11:00 am (First Thursday of every Month)

**Everyone is welcome! Please come!**

Freewill offering/donations accepted

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## May 2024

- 3 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 10 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 17 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 18 **Jammin' Foods Fest - New Market Park** 4-9pm
- 20 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20-24 **Heavy Trash Pickup**
- 24 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 25 **Pool Opens**
- 25 **Movie Night in the Park (sundown approx. 8:20pm)**
- 27 **Town Office closed in observance of Memorial Day**
- 31 Lawn and Leaf Pickup

## June 2024

- 5 **First Half Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due**
- 7 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 14 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 15 **Movie Night in the Park (sundown approx. 8:40pm)**
- 19 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth**
- 20 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 21 **Cross Roads Music Fest New Market Park** 6:30-9:00pm
- 28 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

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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