

MAYOR'S CORNER

I have reported to you in my past articles that the New Market town council meets twice a year for a work retreat. Sounds nice, doesn't it, being referred to as a "retreat"? However, there is no relaxing; but instead, it is 5 hours of interaction between the Council, Town Manager and department heads. The work sessions are held in the spring and fall usually in the town council chambers or at the community center. Everyone involved gives up their Saturday morning to discuss and prioritize goals for our Town.

On April 9th we reviewed multiple projects that I will keep you informed of during my upcoming articles. In this issue, I will elaborate on our roads and sidewalks. First of all, please understand that we do NOT have "custody" of our streets, VDOT does. Yes, you may see our town employees plow snow but they are subcontracted by VDOT. Paving, curb and gutters as well as drainage are the responsibility of VDOT. All the water runoff on John Sevier behind Jackson's Corner Cafe required VDOT's correction after we brought it to their attention on numerous occasions. The tar and chip "paving" that was laid over our streets about 4 years ago was Yep, VDOT.

Based on our discussions during this past work session, the council feels that we need to research the feasibility of taking over our streets and sidewalks. Kyle O'Brien, Broadway's Town Manager, met with us during the work session to explain the pros and cons of assuming responsibility of our streets. Broadway did this approximately 12 years ago and have never regretted it! Ownership of the streets means that we will receive a fixed amount of money annually from the state, which is determined by the mileage of paved roadways in our town. We can then prioritize what portions of roads to repair and to what extent. If we decide not to spend the money by the end of the fiscal year then we can roll it over and add it to the following year's budget. In other words, we don't lose it if we don't spend it. In this way, we can save from one year to complete the bigger road projects the following year.

I feel confident that if, and when, we take responsibility for our roads that you will see vast improvement over a short time. Until then we must depend on VDOT to take care of us.

Larry A. Bompiani
Mayor of New Market

159TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF NEW MARKET COMMEMORATION

159th Anniversary Battle of New Market Commemoration
Saturday, May 20 – Sunday, May 21, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join the Virginia Museum of the Civil War at New Market Battlefield State Historical Park as we remember the Battle of New Market that raged across Jacob Bushong's farm and the soldiers that struggled there. Special emphasis will highlight the role of the Cadets from the Virginia Military Institute that were asked to fill a gap in the Confederate line and helped to turn the tide of the battle.

The weekend will feature two special guests presenting specialized programs new to New Market Battlefield State Historical Park. The American Civil War Original Long Arms Collector's group offers the opportunity to get hands-on with period Civil War weapons. Additionally, the Society of Civil War Surgeons will offer multiple medical demonstrations all weekend. Further activities include live black powder and military drill demonstrations, period cooking and civilian life programs, guided battlefield tours, and period dances.

A special daily rate of \$5 per person is available to New Market residents (ages 5+) with proof of residency.

NEW MARKET FARMER'S MARKET

The New Market Farmer's Market opened for the 2023 season on Friday, April 21st. We will be located in the town parking lot behind Jalisco in downtown New Market. Market hours are 10:00 am to 1:00 pm each Friday. New vendors are welcome! Contact Sharon Payne at 540-820-6613 or Donna Shipp at 540-810-0300 for more information. Thanks for shopping local and supporting local markets!

WANT TO STAY INFORMED?

Did you know that New Market has a text alert system for events and things like road closures, water disruption and detours? Simply text ALERTS to 844-539-1451 to receive these notifications. You can opt out at any time.

Would you like to know when the next Town Council meeting is and what is on the agenda? Simply go to our web page www.newmarketvirginia.com, click on Government, then on Agendas and Minutes, or to be on the "Town Meeting" notification list, submit your name and email address to d.lohr@newmarketvirginia.com. Agendas and email notifications are posted 5 days before the meeting.

LIBRARY NEWS

Children's programs:

- Books and Babies – Friday, May 5th at 10:00 am. "Time for Tea: Mothers, Fathers and Me." This program is geared for children aged 0-3 with their caregivers.
- Preschool Story Time – Friday, May 19th at 10:00 am. "Fun at the Zoo!" Bring your children ages 3-5 for stories, rhymes and songs about zoo animals!

Mark your calendars for our Summer Reading Kickoff, June 14th at 10:00 am. "All Together Now-With a Salute to Hometown Heroes!"

On Sunday, May 7th at 2:00 pm, you won't want to miss author and restaurant owner, Brian Noyes sharing and

signing copies of his newest cookbook, "The Red Truck Bakery Farmhouse Cookbook: Sweet and Savory Comfort Food from America's Favorite Rural Bakery". He is a former art director at the Washington Post and Smithsonian Magazine and the founder of the renowned Red Truck Bakery in Marshall, VA. Books will be available to purchase. The program will be free of charge. No pre-registration is necessary. For questions, contact Bev Butterfield at (540) 335-5396.



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 20, 2023
Time: 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Location: New Market Community Park
Admission cost: FREE

MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK 2023

Watch a movie under the stars in the New Market Community Park!

Date: May 27, 2023
Movie Title: Disney's Luca
Time: Sundown-approx. 8:30 p.m.
Where: New Market Community Park
9670 Cadet Rd, New Market
Cost: FREE



For the best evening make sure to bring a chair/blankets and snacks for viewing comfort. Dogs are allowed, but MUST be on a leash, and owners to be mindful of others. Thank you to our sponsor Sheila Hall, Realtor with Coldwell Banker Premiere!

OUR TOWN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Are you interested in helping with town events like Cross Roads Music Fest? Or are you more interested in public art projects? Do you have graphic design talent or interest in cultivating partnerships?

Then we are looking for YOU! The Our Town Enhancement committee focuses on improving the quality of life in New Market by creating a unique and thriving downtown environment, preserving our Town's history, strengthening our position as a recreation and tourism destination and establishing sense of place by developing community pride and involvement.

If interested in learning more or signing up contact Amber Smoot at 540-740-3432 or a.smoot@newmarketvirginia.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



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.

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

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 22nd through Friday, May 26th. 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, 2023. 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 26th, 2023. 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:

- May 22-26
- Aug 14-18
- Oct 16-20



Shenandoah County Tours "Faces of Tourism" program

Each tour includes a behind-the-scenes experience at a local hospitality business, town or attraction, swag bag, and lunch. Tours are open to business owners, employees, residents, and visitors of Shenandoah County.

Participants will learn about different industry sectors, towns, area attractions, farm operations, outdoor recreation, arts & culture, area resorts, camps, and event venues.

****Touring Incentive for Town of New Market RESIDENTS ONLY:** For each tour you attend, your name will go into a quarterly drawing to win a gift basket of local goodies (value of \$50)

Pre-register by emailing Brenda Black at bblack@shenandoahcountyva.us no later than one week prior to each tour. For questions, call Brenda direct at 540-325-0069.

Rescheduled Tour: Bryce Tour
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00 (includes lunch)

Tour: Cross Roads to Adventures with New Market
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00 (includes lunch)

Good things are blooming in
*Downtown
New Market*
SO SPRING ON OVER TO SHOP WITH US
April 22-May 7th
Shop with any of the below businesses to be
entered to **WIN A Gift Basket (value \$100)**
Drawing to held on May 9th
The Home Store The Buttercup Simple Tymes
Southern Kitchen Valley Sports Connection Craf55
Jon Henry General Store
Jackson's Corner Cafe

SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris began on April 7th 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 offices at 540-740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.

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.

POOL STAFF NEEDED

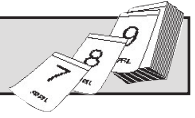
The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2023 season. Lifeguards must currently have, or be able to obtain prior to the season, a Red Cross certification. Interested candidates must be willing to work flexible hours.

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 27, 2023. Applications should be turned in to the Town Office, Attn: Donna Lohr, Administrative Assistant, at 9418 John Sevier Road or mailed to P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2023

- 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
- 20 **Jammin' Foods Fest - New Market Park 4:00-9:00 pm**
- 22-26 **Heavy Trash Pickup**
- 26 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 27 **Pool Opens**
- 27 **Movie Night in the Park (sundown approx. 8:20pm)**
- 29 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day**

June 2023

- 2 Lawn and Leaf
- 5 **First Half Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due**
- 9 Lawn and Leaf
- 15 **Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 16 Lawn and Leaf
- 17 **Movie Night in the Park (sundown approx. 8:40pm)**
- 19 **Town Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth**
- 20 Town Council Meeting (Tuesday instead of Monday) 6:30 pm
- 23 Lawn and Leaf
- 23 **Cross Roads Music Fest New Market Park 6:30-9:00pm**
- 25 **Movie Night in the Park starting at sundown (approx. 8:40pm)**
- 30 Lawn and Leaf

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

Larry Bompiani, Mayor • Peggy Harkness, Vice Mayor
 Scott Wymer • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah • Peter Hughes
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

Buster Nicholson *Town Manager*
 Chris Rinker *Police Chief*
 Teresa Green *Town Treasurer*
 J.D. Fadley *Public Works Director*

Donna Lohr *Administrative Assistant*
 Lindsey Kipps *Office Assistant*
 Amber Smoot *Events & Marketing Director*

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