

MAYOR'S CORNER

As I write to you this day, I am only one week from another work session with my council. As you may recall, in spring and fall, New Market's Council sets aside 5 hours on a Saturday to establish goals for the town and solve current issues confronting us. This work session is not required and there is no additional pay to the council for their time. Scott Wymer, Peg Harkness, Peter Hughes, Daryl Watkins, Janice Hannah, Bob King and I give up this additional personal time because we want to see New Market succeed now and into the future. Our town manager and department heads put their time and knowledge into this work session in order for us to prioritize our goals and be fiscally responsible in achieving the end result. To each of my council and our town staff I say **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION!**

This leads me into appreciating the blessings that we have in each of our lives that we take for granted. I am not going to sit here and insult your intelligence by trying to list those everyday "gifts" that each of us experience. What is a gift to you is unique in your life and I may not experience or understand its value in *my* life. With Thanksgiving approaching, I ask that each of us take the time to identify all the overlooked gifts that we enjoy daily. No matter what our news organizations lead us to believe with their misinformation (from both

sides) about our country, we are so very fortunate to live in the United States of America. Our forefathers knew this so much more viscerally than we ever will. I ask that we stop looking at the negatives and focus on all of our positives.

With the above stated, I want to take this moment to thank my wife for tolerating all the hours that I remove myself from assisting her while I fulfill my commitment to our town. Answering/returning phone calls and emails, coffee meetings with concerned citizens/elected officials, weekly consultation with our town manager, work retreats, council meetings, special called meetings, meetings with VDOT, County Supervisor(s), prospective businesses, realtors etc. These personal hours are not given by me alone, but by all of your aforementioned council members as well. Their wives and husbands experience the absence of these dedicated hours from their marriage as well. So with that said, I will close by saying I thank God for my blessing that I sometimes overlook, and that is my wife, Jane! What is it in your world that you want to embrace with appreciation and thanks? Only you know. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

Larry A. Bompiani
New Market Mayor

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Town Office will be closed the following business days this holiday season:

- Tuesday, November 7, 2023
- Friday, November 10, 2023
- Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at noon
- Thursday, November 23, 2023
- Friday, November 24, 2023
- Friday, December 22, 2023 at noon
- Monday, December 25, 2023
- Tuesday, December 26, 2023

FREE PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

The New Market SDA Church will be giving away a truckload of FREE produce on Sunday, November 5th beginning at 9:00 am. We will be in the New Market Park at Shelter #3 giving away produce items supplied by Jon Henry General Store and Immanuel's Ground: The Shenandoah Valley Academy Farm while supplies last. Please help us spread the word!

TIS THE SEASON 2023

We are excited to be planning our annual Tis the Season activities on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. Shop with our local businesses and enjoy their open house specials as you travel on Congress Street. We are bringing back our moving parade on Congress Street, beginning at 5:00 pm. More information will be available on our Facebook page as well as in the December 2023 edition of Our Town.

LIBRARY NEWS

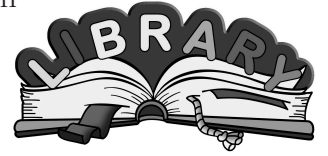
Books and Babies will be Wednesday, November 1st at 10:00 am. This program is for babies and toddlers up to the age of 3. We plan to have “Fall Fun with Squirrels!”

Preschool Story time will be Friday, November 17th at 10:00 am. Children ages 3 to 5 will enjoy books, songs and rhymes about “Thankful Things.”

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2nd. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the library after the New Market “Tis the Season” parade. Elves will be on hand to help Santa give a goody bag to each child.

November’s adult program is scheduled for Sunday, November 19th at 2:00 pm. Retired JMU professor, and current lecturer in the Lifelong Learning Institute, Dianne Lending will present the program, **“Agatha Christie’s Life as Reflected in Her Mysteries.”** Agatha Christie is the best-selling novelist of all time.

She is well known for writing 66 mystery novels and more than 14 short-story collections, many of them featuring beloved sleuths Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple. Few people know much about her life beyond her brief disappearance in 1926. However, her entire life was as interesting as many of her books. She was born during the Victorian era and died after the Vietnam War. In between, she was a world traveler. While she was an intensely private person, you can find her life experiences reflected in many of her books. Dianne Lending will talk about Agatha Christie’s life and suggest books that show those experiences.



FLASHLIGHT CANDY CANE HUNT

Bundle up, grab a flashlight and come to the New Market Community Park to make crafts, listen to music and hunt for candy canes and other fun items!

Registration is REQUIRED and LIMITED SPOTS are available. This year we will have four rounds.

Participants may only hunt one round.

Date: December 9th, 2023

Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm

Ages: 1-14 Cost: FREE

Hunt Times

Round 1 at 6:00

Round 2 at 6:30

Round 3 at 7:00

Round 4 at 7:30

(limited availability per each round)

REGISTRATION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 1ST.

Check out our Facebook event or our website for more details and to register.

FREE CONCERT SERIES IN NEW MARKET

The New Market Adventist Church and the Shenandoah Valley Academy are hosting a series of 3 concerts in November and December for anyone who would like to attend. They are as follows:

- **A Better Covenant Band**

Andrew & Darby Shultz

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 5:00 pm

New Market Adventist Church

62 W. Lee Hwy, New Market

- **Candlelight Concerts**

Friday, December 15, 2023 at 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 4:00 pm

New Market Adventist Church

62 W. Lee Hwy, New Market

- **Christmas Pop Concert**

Shenandoah Valley Academy Music Groups

Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 8:00 pm

Shenandoah Valley Academy Gym

234 W. Lee Hwy, New Market



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 Nov 16th, 2023.

NEW MARKET FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

During the month of September, our crews ran 144 calls for service. Of those calls, 95 were within town limits. 105 of these calls was for EMS services and 39 calls for Fire service.

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Open House on October 7th and everyone who stopped by to see us on Halloween night.

If you are looking to have an event (wedding, family reunion, meeting, etc.), we offer our social hall and kitchen. Please call 540-740-8904 for rental information.

Our next Blood Drive is November 8th from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Stop by and donate. Remember, the life you save could be yours.

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

We hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for your continued support to our department!!!

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

NEW MARKET FARMER'S MARKET NEWS

The New Market Farmer's Market has closed for the 2023 season. The Market will reopen in spring 2024.

Watch the New Market Farmer's Market Facebook page for updates and opening dates for 2024!

Vendors are needed for 2024. For more information or to become a vendor for 2024, contact Sharon at 540-820-6613 or Donna at 540-810-0300.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY FARMER'S MARKET

After a short break, SVA is back with our Wednesday market until the week before Thanksgiving. Market hours are now 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Follow our farm Facebook page for updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelsGround>

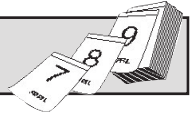
DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that if you have a separate water only meter, we could turn it off during the winter months? Don't want to pay the minimum bill each month while not being used? Call the office at 540-740-3432 and ask to have it turned off for the season. When you are ready to start working on those flowers or that veggie garden, call the office to have it turned back on. A \$15.00 reconnect fee will be added to your first bill once you reactivate the account.

ACH AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT OF YOUR UTILITY BILL

We know how busy our customers are and how quickly the due date comes around for water/sewer bills. We want to remind citizens that we offer the option of paying their water bill through automatic deduction (ACH) from their bank account each month. This could save writing a check, paying postage, or even a trip to the Town Office. Forms for ACH can be picked up in the Town Office or downloaded from the Residents tab of the Town's website, www.newmarketvirginia.com. Completed forms should be returned to the Town Office. Automatic deductions will be deducted from your bank account on the 15th of each month, unless it falls on a weekend or holiday; then it will be deducted on the next business day. The amount due on your bill is the amount that will be deducted from your account. If you have questions or want to know more about this service, please call the Town Office at 540-740-3432.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 2023

- 3 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 7 Town Office Closed for Election Day
- 9 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 10 Town Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 17 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 20 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 Town Office Closes at Noon
- 23-24 Town Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
- 27 Lawn and Leaf Pickup (Monday)



December 2023

- 1 LAST Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 2 Tis the Season Celebration
- 5 2nd Half Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Due
- 9 Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt at New Market Park
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 19 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 Town Office Closes at Noon in Observance of Christmas Eve
- 25-26 Town Office Closed in Observance of Christmas



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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 Scott Wymer • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah • Peter Hughes
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

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