

MAYOR'S CORNER

In this month's newsletter I was hoping to have information to present to you concerning our plans for the Community Center. However, we have not received the results and recommendations stemming from the 6 month investigation by Frazier and Associates. As you may recall, we received a \$50,000.00 grant to help in our cost to examine the structure of the old school and the feasibility of what programs we could offer our citizens. Our town manager and our community center steering committee is anxiously awaiting Frazier's findings and recommendations.

In the meantime, I would like to report about the public forum that Ryan Homes hosted at the New Market Fire Department on Thursday, August 15th. As you may know, they are very interested in developing a residential subdivision on a 100 acre tract of land located on the south side of Click's Lane. Displayed at their forum was a rendering of the subdivision's proposed roads and green space for walking trails. Pictures were also presented of the homes to be built and the size of the lots that would be available. I was very pleased with

the turnout by our citizens, town council and planning board members. Many citizens' concerns were answered by Ryan's representatives and constructive suggestions were expressed by those same attendees. I look forward to a final product that pleases our citizens and the developer.

One of the valid concerns that citizens have expressed is the increased traffic flow on Click's Lane that will result from the new subdivision. Ultimately this will be VDOT's decision. Once the developer finalizes the number of homes that they would like to build, then VDOT will do a traffic analysis study and place requirements on the developer to improve traffic flow. As it stands now, without growth, Click's Lane will remain narrow with poor visibility and no sidewalks. With our citizens' input we can structure growth that we envision for our future. Please continue your positive input with your council representatives so that our children can enjoy the value of growing up in New Market.

Larry A. Bompiani
New Market Mayor

DROUGHT WARNING ADVISORY

Reminder: The Virginia DEQ has declared a drought warning advisory for Shenandoah County, as well as surrounding areas. Please be mindful of water usage to help conserve water.

A drought *warning* advisory indicates a significant drought is imminent and is in effect for the Shenandoah region, which includes Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Frederick, Page, Warren, and Clarke counties, and for the Northern Virginia Region which includes Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Arlington, and Fairfax counties.

Tips to help conserve water during a drought:

Refrain from cleaning the following:

- Vehicles – including motorcycles, RVs, campers, golf carts, etc.
- Houses or other buildings
- Sidewalks, driveways and patios/decks

Reduce watering:

- Reduce lawn watering to 2 times or less per week between the hours of 9:00pm and 10:00am
- Reduce garden/flower bed, to include potted plants, watering only when needed between the hours of 9:00pm and 10:00am

Refrain from planting new landscaping/grass

Limit showers to 5-10 minutes per person

Use dishwashers only when full

Visit [DEQ.Virginia.gov](https://www.deq.virginia.gov) for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Town does not own all the streetlights in town? The streetlights are owned and maintained by Dominion Energy. If you notice a streetlight out, you can call Dominion at 866-366-4357 or visit <https://www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency/streetlight-and-watchlight-outages> to use the online form.

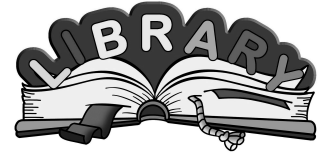
LIBRARY NEWS

Back to School time is also Back to Your Library Time! Programs for our youngest patrons will be held monthly from September through May. Books and Babies will be the first Wednesday of each month and Preschool Story Times the third Friday.

- Books and Babies: Wednesday, September 4 at 10:00 am, for children age birth to three and their parent/guardian. The theme is “Getting to Know You”. The story time will feature short books, songs, chants, and playing together.
- Preschool Story Time: Friday, September 20th at 10:00 am, for children ages 3-5. We will enjoy stories, songs and rhymes on the theme “Welcome to the Library!”
- Adult Program, September 22nd at 2:00 pm. Dr. Peggy Shifflett will share about her newest book, Mountain

Women Live On: A book about mountain women I grew up with and their legacy. In this talk, the author will tell the history of 28 mountain women, stories told as a result of interviewing their granddaughters to determine the legacy they received from their grandmothers. Dr.

Shifflett was born and raised in the mountains west of Harrisonburg. She has written 3 other award-winning books, The Red Flannel Rag, Mom’s Family Pie and The Living Room Bed. Come early to get a good seat! Dr. Shifflett is an engaging and popular speaker.



THE MARGE MOYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Marge Moyers Memorial Scholarship Fund has awarded scholarships to three students who graduated from Shenandoah County Schools in 2024. The recipients are Kerrigan Bauserman, a Strasburg High School graduate who will attend North Carolina State with a major in Agriculture Education; Phoebe Alexander, a Central High School graduate who will attend Laurel Ridge Community College with a major in Elementary Education; and Allie Poole, a Mountain View High School/Triplett Tech graduate who will attend Laurel Ridge Community College with a major in Nursing.

The late Marge Moyers was a math teacher for many years in Shenandoah County Schools, and served on the Shenandoah County School Board. She influenced many students in her career and life.

The major fundraising effort of the MMMS Fund is an annual golf tournament, which will be held on Saturday, October 26 and 27, 2024. Teams for the tournament are already filled, but sponsorships are available which includes signage at the event. To donate, contact Eddie Litten, elitten@shentel.net, or 540-335-5605. The deadline is September 20, 2024, to ensure signage at the tournament.

FALL FESTIVAL

Come join us for the annual Fall Festival (formerly known as Heritage Days), hosted by the Our Town Enhancement Committee & the Town New Market, in the historic downtown New Market.

A fun filled day of shopping, live entertainment, yummy food, and activities. Vendors will line the streets with their wonderful goods, live entertainment by Josh Davidson, food trucks, and more. Don't forget the fantastic local shops will be open too!

When: Saturday, September 28th, 2024

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

Where: Downtown New Market

ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Town of New Market is now 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. We are no longer able to take your payment over the phone by calling the office. To pay via phone, call Paystar directly at 540-744-3614. There will be a service fee for doing so, which again, The Town will not profit from.

For more information regarding the online payment process, please check our website at www.newmarketvirginia.com.

SUMMER'S END PUPPY POOL PARTY

This is the 11th annual Puppy Pool Party hosted by the Town of New Market. A fun event for your canine friends to swim, play, and socialize.

Venue: New Market Community Pool

Fee: \$3.00 per dog OR food donation brought for the Shenandoah County Animal Shelter

Date: September 8th, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is highly encouraged for easier check-in. Please go to our website newmarketvirginia.com OR our FB page for details on requirements, rules, and how to register.

IMMANUEL'S GROUND: THE SVA FARM

Tuesday Market 3:00-5:00 pm

September's harvest includes:

Heirloom tomatoes, microgreens, cut flowers

October's harvest will include:

Heirloom tomatoes, microgreens, cut flowers, broccoli, kale, cauliflower, cabbage, kohlrabi, beets, radish, baby carrots, sweet potato.

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP 2024

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items **ONE MORE time this year (see dates below)**. More information will be given closer to the pickup dates.

This year's last heavy trash pick-up will be:

- Oct 15-18

2024 SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris began 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.

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



CROSS ROADS MUSIC FEST 2024

We are excited about our September concert! All concerts

are held at the Rebel Baseball Park and highlight musical talent and offer a relaxing evening.

September 20th- The Seven Bends Band

Time: 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE.

Bring chairs/blankets for comfort. Food and beverages are available for purchase, and there is a beer/wine garden for those over 21yrs old.

MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK 2024

Enjoy a movie under the stars in the New Market Community Park! Bring chairs/blankets/snacks for your viewing comfort.

Showing: The Secret Life of Pets 2

Date: September 14th, 2024

Sundown: approx. 7:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Sponsored by: Sheila Hall Realtor with Coldwell Banker Premier

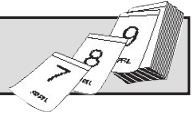


LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY



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 September 19, 2024.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 2024

- 2 Town Office closed in observance of Labor Day
- 2 Pool closes for the season
- 6 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 8 Puppy Pool Party at the Community Pool 1:00-4:00 pm
- 13 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 14 Movie Night in the Park at sundown (approx. 7:30 pm)
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 Crossroads Music Fest at Rebel Park-The Seven Bends 6:30-9:00 pm
- 20 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 27 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 28 New Market Fall Festival 9:00 am-4:00 pm

October 2024

- 4 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 11 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 12 Movie Night in the Park at sundown (approx. 8:00 pm)
- 14 Town office closed in observance of Columbus Day
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 18 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 18 Crossroads Music Fest at Rebel Park- 6:30-9:00 pm
- 21 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 25 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 31 Trick or Treat on Congress Street 5:00 pm -7:00 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)

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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